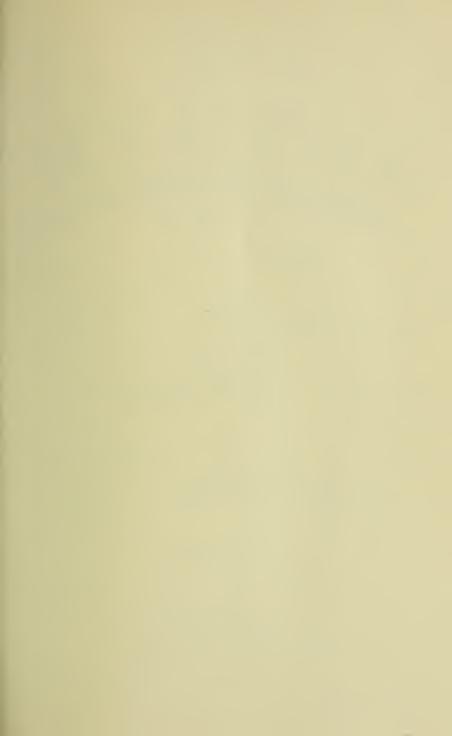


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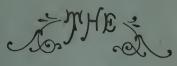


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THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

The general motive of the College Fraternity is to assemble together a number of young men of somewhat congenial tastes and to build up a lasting friendship between them. Its object is in no sense to break up, or cause the withdrawal of, outside friendships; rather would it strengthen such by bringing them into the Fraternity. Its aim is to make new friendships and not to destroy the old. Right here it is well to remark that outside friendships should always be encouraged, as they help to furnish the public sentiment, which it is important the Fraternity should have the best of.

The College Fraternity, properly conducted, is always beneficial. It plays an important part in the student's college life. Oftentimes at its very threshold it saves him from the snares of the evil-minded and vicious by at once providing him with friends who take a special interest in him. In many cases it takes the student who, though a good fellow, may not be well known, and places him before the eyes of his classmates, and hence gives him an opportunity to show of what stuff he is made. Again, it oftentimes helps into positions of independence the man who, whether or not he has finished his college life, finds himself in need, it may be through the influence of only one brother who is wealthier or better known, or both, or perhaps through the efforts of several brothers.

The moral effect of such association is also beneficial. In the chapter there may be no man who is extraordinarily good, but on some subject, doubtless, one brother's ideas of right and

wrong are clearer than those of his associates, and when this fact becomes known, the subject is at once discussed and the matter set right; and so, on other points with other members. In many cases a bad thing needs only to be condemned by the chapter to have its death-knell sounded; and in the chapter meeting where a brother knows his opinions will not be ridiculed, he will not hesitate to condemn whatever he believes to be wrong. The moral effect is not confined to the members of the chapter; it reaches and benefits those outside the fold. The sight of a number of young men steadily and habitually discountenancing wrong and petty disreputable practices, without any cant or sanctimonious manner, cannot fail to have a good effect on those around; and when these little meanesses are checked, the large ones generally follow, being discountenanced anyhow by the better class of students, whether they be fraternity men or not. Thus we see that the general tendency of the College Fraternity is to elevate the student, and, by continually helping him, to place the weak brother on his feet. There are men in every chapter who stand in need of this help; and it rarely happens that it is withheld, or that it is declined when offered.

Now, it may be objected that this is all giving on the one side and all taking on the other; that, however, is a mistake. The man who accepts the help a brother proffers and thereby improves his condition, raises the latter's opinion of his fellow-man and makes him the more inclined to aid the next one who is in need; at the same time it gives him the gratifying assurance that he has not been living for himself only, but that he has aided somewhat a fellow-creature to attain his destiny. This consciousness is a reward of great price.

I scarcely need to say that it is important that the fraternity spirit be fostered and practiced after the active college relations have been severed, for a man often needs help more after he has left the sheltering arms of his *alma mater* than while at college. In fact, after the all-important Commencement day, comes the

severest trial in a young man's career: then he must make his start to run his life-race, and it happens not unfrequently that a *brother* gives him that start.

What is this fraternity spirit? We answer, *love*; and it must be the underlying principle and controlling motive of every College Fraternity—else its work will come to naught, its builders will build in vain.

Every College Fraternity should cultivate and cherish the friendliest relations with sister organizations. There is entirely too much fighting and bickering nowadays among the Greekletter organizations. Instead of showing to the world that they have (as we suppose most of them have) kindred aims, they often (and we say it to their shame) present a spectacle at variance with the principle we have just enunciated. Envy, jealousy, and hate seem to be the feelings with which some of these organizations regard each other. We wish that were all, bad as it is; but it is not the worst. Some of these Fraternities (so-called) have gone the length of sanctioning the low and disreputable practice of breaking into chapter-rooms and stealing constitutions, &c., and of descending so low as not to rebuke and punish members for the "thieves' practice" of eavesdropping. Now such conduct should not be tolerated; we are happy to know it is not tolerated by the better class of the Greek-letter societies; and while such instances of disgraceful conduct, as we have just mentioned, are on record, the high tone that now characterizes the better class of Greek-letter organizations and the unwritten code that obtains with them to-day will effectually prevent the repetition of such disgraceful acts.

And now one word to my brothers in A. T. Q. So long as help may be given a sister Fraternity without harm to the interests of your own, give it—aye, give it freely and gladly.

Resort to all honorable means to avoid a collision with another Fraternity; if, however, a collision becomes inevitable, is unavoidable, why then stand by your colors and quit you like men.

But, my brothers, never make use of any low or sneaking methods to overcome a rival,—leave them for the sneak and the thief to whom they belong. Let it be your pride and pleasure to point to your chapter and be able to say, "No man who ever belonged to that chapter was anything but a gentleman in every sense of the word"; and may you be able to say further, "No institution where the A. T. Q. badge was ever worn is the worse for it, but the better."

THE VIRGINIA ALPHA CHAPTER OF 1865-66.

In the history of every great enterprise which has claimed the attention or enlisted the affections of men, in the life of every man—be his sphere humble or exalted—there are periods when it seems that the irrevocable decrees—whether for weal or for woe—of a power higher than earth, hang trembling in the balance; that before the die is cast, which is to determine the future of every such enterprise, and to mould the life and character of every man, there is a time of peculiar and protracted trials and vicissitudes, intended as a crucial test of the merits and qualities which they possess.

In reverting then to the session of 1865-66 of the Virginia Military Institute, it strikes me that those days were the "dark days" of Virginia Alpha Chapter, in which this test was applied to her. In the outset I am forced to acknowledge that the term used is a misnomer; for, as in all contests where her great underlying principles have been at stake, Alpha Tau Omega has always come out triumphant; so in those days, when opposition and oppression beset her on every side, her principles shone more brightly, and the devoted band of brothers then constituting Virginia Alpha were drawn more closely together.

At that time the writer, as well as yourself, my dear brother, was an alien who had recently entered upon his collegiate course, and whose only information as to the plans and purposes of our

Order was gathered from the then current reports and statements made by others—aliens like ourselves—whose idea seemed to be that A. T. Q. was an Order whose sole object was to secure all the positions of honor—both class and military—at the Institute, and whose members were pledged to that end by the use of every possible means, whether fair or foul.

But when we consider the real facts as then existing, and remember that a very large proportion of these positions of honor were held by Alpha Taus, it is not strange or unnatural that many of us should have looked at results and effects, and not at the causes leading thereto; that, seeing the apparent correctness and truth of the conclusions arrived at by the aliens then opposing A. T. Ω , we should have also inferred that the premises were equally correct. And yet it was easily seen after the heat of the controversy had passed away, and calm, dispassionate reason had reasserted its sway, that the real cause leading to the results had been overlooked, that what had been hastily attributed to the workings of a combination formed for evil, was in reality due to the noble principles of our Order, as evinced in the daily walk and conversation of the members of Virginia Alpha Chapter. And does it not seem strange, when we knew the men constituting at that time that chapter—such men as Hayes, Dinwiddie, Ford, Smith, Tutwiler and others—whose lives and characters were in themselves the most effectual and potent refutation that could possibly have been employed against the baseless charges brought against them, that any member of the Corps of Cadets of 1865-66 could have given credence thereto? And what a debt of gratitude does every member of A. T. Q. owe to these brothers! In our temple of fame their names should be inscribed in letters of gold to commemorate their invaluable services, and to teach to every member of our Order that our well-beloved mother is not forgetful of her noble sons, and to incite in them the spirit of emulation, of their zeal for and devotion to her.

The Alpha Chapter of 1865-66 may well be compared to Le-

onidas' band at Thermopylæ; for had they not stood so compactly together in those eventful days, using only the invincible truths which they had learned from her as their weapons—both offensive and defensive—it is sad to think what would have been the fate of Alpha Tau Omega. In all probability her name would long since have been blotted out of the list of Fraternities, or have existed only to be pointed to as an example of what a dishonored and ignoble existence can be brought by degenerate and unworthy sons on a noble mother.

And when we contemplate the present assured success of our Order, and remember the many happy moments spent in the enjoyment of the blessings and pleasures conferred by her, every A. T. Q. with grateful heart should bear in mind the great obligation he is under to the Virginia Alpha Chapter of 1865-66.

R. B.

STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.

A resolution was passed by our last Congress earnestly urging the members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in each State to organize a State Alumni Association. As this matter does not seem to be understood by many members of the Fraternity, we take this opportunity of discussing it, in the hope that the brothers who read the *Palm* will realize the necessity for immediate action in the premises, and begin at once this great work in real earnest.

The object of these Alumni Associations is to afford better facilities for the exemplification of the heaven-born principles of A. T \mathcal{Q} ., by strengthening the bonds of our union, by improving our social, literary, and business relations with each other, and, by united efforts, to propagate our Order, advance the institutions in which she is placed, and secure the aid of age and experience in all our undertakings; in short, "to make A. T. Q. a Fraternity of lifetime value and importance to the members, and

to give to the world a permanent, *active* organization for good, into which entrance is only gained through the most reputable institutions of learning." We will thus remedy the defects that $A.T.\ \Omega$, in common with *all other Fraternities*, possesses.

These Associations are intended as auxiliaries, without which, we argue, A. T. Q. can never accomplish her grand destiny. When aliens are brought into our fold they are expected to remain brothers good and true for life, always enthusiastic in our cause, to love the brothers and to support our institutions. Are these expectations always realized? The facts speak for themselves. Out of a thousand and more Alumni, only a few hundred take interest enough in the Order apparently to make known their address, and a fewer number still pay the pitiful sum of one dollar to receive the Fraternity's official journal, through which they could keep advised in regard to the affairs of the Fraternity. The truth is, many of them seem to think the Order is a trivial thing to be cast aside when they assume the responsibilities of practical life, and consider that the men who do stand true, and labor for her cause, do it because they have nothing else to do. The young Alumnus leaves his Chapter Hall with burning zeal and the determination to accomplish great good for the Fraternity, but he soon meets with lukewarm brothers who manifest no interest whatever in the cause, and his ardor is at once diminished; he continues to have but little connection with the Fraternity, and finally loses all interest himself, and, in turn, exerts the same injurious influence upon other brothers. It is thus that we have so many drones who accomplish for us no good, but are rather a dead weight to the organization. In justice to these brothers, however, we contend that they are not to be blamed, but that the fault lies in the failure to carry out our system. It is just as absurd to think that we can initiate men at college and send them out into the world to encounter all the difficulties and battle with all the obstacles of life and remain enthusiastic, working brothers, without any further aid or encouragement from the Brotherhood, as it is to suppose we can take a squad of raw recruits, place them in the position of the soldier, read to them a few lessons in military tactics, then scatter them to the four quarters of the earth, and imagine that we have a company of *old veterans* to be relied upon in any emergency. The Christian religion itself could not stand such a test. Take away from the churches the daily devotional exercises of the members, and the labors of the ministry, and this enlightened, Christian nation would soon drift into barbarism, and heathenism would stalk abroad where now the church spires rear their heads towards heaven.

Then, brothers, if every other enterprise requires continual exercise, effort and attention, how can we expect to accomplish anything with or for our Alumni unless our system in regard to them be enforced? The great wonder is that we have so many active Alumni. We owe these noble brothers a debt of gratitude that no feeble words of ours can fitly express. Whatever of glory or triumph A. T. Ω . has achieved has been largely due to them. It was her Alumni who nursed her through the gloomy days of infancy, and rendered that assistance without which she could never have grown to maturity. The hand of her Alumni is seen in every article of her organic law. There we see no signs of schoolboyish folly, but the labor and scholarship of the experienced lawyer. The hand of her Alumni is seen in her beautiful Ritual, where the true and the beautiful are inculcated with master skill. The propagation of the Order has been done principally by the Alumni, and the zeal of the chapters is due more to the encouragement and counsel of Alumni brothers than to any other cause. The stability and dignity of our government, which has helped to gain for A. T. Ω , her high standing in the Greek world, is largely due to the influence and high standing of the honored Alumni who administer that government. The truth is, if we should take from A. T. Ω , that small proportion of Alumni who have stood by her cause under all circumstances

(which proportion is *greater* in *ours*, we think, than in any other Fraternity), and cut off the influence of her future Alumni, her influence would soon be destroyed. But, on the other hand, if we give her the united aid of her Alumni, we will have no more drones in our ranks, and our banner will soon proudly wave from every worthy institution of learning in our land.

United effort, concert of action, systematic work on the part of our Alumni,—that is what we are contending for, that is what A. T. Q. needs. It is not that her active Alumni have accomplished nothing, or that they have done very little; they have accomplished wonders—we go farther and say, we believe they have done more than the same proportion of any other Fraternity's Alumni have done; but the half, the fourth—aye, the tenth of what was possible, had the aggregate zeal and talent and power of her Alumni been utilized, has not yet been accomplished.

How, then, may these all-important and effective forces be controlled and utilized? We answer, by means of the *State Alumni Associations*.

"But," we hear some one say, "man is a selfish being and we can never hope to make him active unless he experiences in his labor some pleasure, some honor, or some practical, visible benefit." Aye, we answer that is true; but the State Alumni Associations offer all these. It is only by some such means as these Associations that Fraternities can attain their desired objects; and, sooner or later, all Fraternities will recognize this fact and act accordingly. A T. Ω . has the opportunity of taking the lead in an enterprise that will place her in advance of all other Fraternities that do not adopt some similar measure. Is it not much better to lead than to follow others in a course that must inevitably be pursued if Fraternities are to accomplish that for which they are all striving?

Then why delay the work of organizing? Bestir yourselves, fellow-Alumni, at once. Already three States have wheeled into

line with Alumni Associations thoroughly organized and well-equipped for united work. Emulate the zeal and enterprise of these brothers. Let not the grass grow under your feet, for now is the time for action, united and aggressive action.

W. H. LAMAR, JR.

A SONG-BOOK-WHY NOT?

The making of a nation's songs is the making of a nation's sentiment, and the making of a nation's sentiment is the making of that nation. It is none the less true with Fraternities; our prose formulas will be forgotten and the dust of years will have gathered upon them when our songs will be yet enshrined in the hearts and the memories of men. Let us, then, have a songbook—a true, genuine outburst of our poetic and musical talent—a full, strong, sympathetic bond which shall move our hearts by one common "concord of sweet sounds," and fit us for something higher than "treasons, stratagems and spoils." Yes, let us have a song book, and let us fashion it at once.

TENN. OMEGA.

LETTERS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

MICHIGAN ALPHA-MU.

Editors Palm:—Among the remarkable events in the history of Adrian College was the birth of a new chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, which occurred on the 14th day of October, 1881. We are now fairly organized, and have received warm greetings from the different chapters. Bro. Glazebrook has rendered valuable assistance to our organization, for which

we are very thankful.

I re-echo the sentiment of every member of our chapter when I say that we are proud to be numbered among the Alpha Taus. Indeed we have been fortunate in our choice of Fraternities. We are marvelously surprised at the noble teachings and sublime principles of our amiable Brotherhood. We intend to show our appreciation of such an Order, not in words alone, but in earnest, persistent efforts to extend the Fraternity in the growing Northwest.

We are opposed here by a strong chapter of the \mathcal{L} , T. \mathcal{L} , of 15 members. At present we have 10 members, all of whom are filled with the spirit of Alpha Tauism. I will now proceed to

introduce them.

W. M. Wikoff, '82, W. M., New Salem, O.; T. W. Colhouer, '82, W. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. H. Bruff, '84, W. K. A., Allegheny City, Pa.; J. B. Vining, '85, W. K. E., Union City, Ind.; J. S. Vandervort, '84, W. S., Weston, W. Va.; G. B. Deakin, '84, W. U., Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. L. Honold, '84, W. Sen., Otsego, O. (This brother stands higher than any other student at our college—being six feet two inches in his stocking feet.) Our other members are as follows: G. L. Sudborough, Freshman, Adrian, Mich.; and A. L. Shoultz, Washington C. H., O., and F. M. Aunks, Pittsburgh, Pa., under-classmen. The last-named is our latest acquisition. I wish I could give you this brother's speech after his initiation; it greatly encouraged us, and made our Fraternity seem dearer to us than ever before. All of our members are prominent members of the literary societies here.

Our short career has, indeed, been prosperous. Each brother has the good of the Fraternity at heart, and any future success of our worthy Order will but cause our hearts to beat with joy.

The outlook of our college is very flattering, this being her most prosperous year. We have a good field in which to work,

and will not allow the grass to grow under our feet.

Rocked in the cradle of love, fed with good sustenance—the principles of our Order—and nursed by the careful and affectionate Bro. Glazebrook, we are acquiring strength and new vigor every day.

Yours in A. T. Q.,

T. W. COLHOUER, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-ZETA.

Editors Palm:—Our chapter has begun the new year with undiminished vigor. We have initiated two new members this term, our financial basis is sound, and five of our members are subscribers to the Palm. We are all anxious to see a copy of the Palm, and impatiently await the next issue. We want to know what the other chapters are doing, and how the Fraternity is thriving, and we want to hear of the operations and prospects of the Greek-letter Fraternities in general. The Palm is a medium of communication, a source of inspiration, a mirror in which we all can see each other's faces, though our voices are not heard, and in which our noble Order, though spread over a wide extent of territory, is brought to a common focus and every feature clearly pictured; we cannot afford to let it languish, and it shall not languish.

Our chapter will be well represented at Commencement. We have an anniversarian and a public debater, and we will have a share in the class honors, besides several speakers' places in the

different classes.

The following are the names of our Alumni, all of the class of 1880-81:

Robt. B. Barrow, Clinton, Ga., at present reading medicine at Bellevue College, New York.

J. F. Anderson, Cornucopia, Ga., now teaching school in Mon-

roe county, Ga.

Thos. N. Hawes, Leathersville, Ga., teaching in Columbia county, Ga.

John T. West, first-honor man in his class, farming at Thom-

son, Ga.

Wm. W. Solomon, Bullards, Ga., merchandising in Macon, Ga. John F. Eden, Americus, Ga., preaching at Eatonton, Ga.

Beverly D. Evans, Sandersville, Ga., merchandising at the same place.

Yours in A. T. Q., C. P. Steed, Correspondent.

NEW YORK ALPHA-LAMBDA.

Editors Palm:-It gives me the greatest pleasure as Correspondent of the N. Y. Alpha-Lambda to write you our first letter. We hope it is the beginning of a number of such; and each time we shall look forward to sending you word of new success and fresh laurels won.

We do not find ourselves an exception to the rule that all things are small at first. The new year saw us acknowledged as a chapter of our worthy Order. At present our number is five, but before the term closes we hope to number at least eight or more zealous members, bound to one work, and that work the promotion of our infant chapter. Columbia being one of the oldest colleges in our land, and standing first in numbers, other Fraternities have long since held permanent and deep-rooted positions here. There is room for more, however, and although late in years, we expect in the near future to be reckoned amongst the first of the organizations here.

Being in the centre of the great metropolis, a number of our brothers at times visit here. We sincerely hope to hear from them and to exchange kindly greetings, at the same time doing all in our power to make their sojourn amongst us pleasant.

I shall soon forward you some subscriptions to the Palm.

To all our brothers we send greetings and love.

Yours in A. T. Ω ..

INO. T. BECKETT, Correspondent, 39 W. 32d street.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

Editors Palm:—I suppose my letter will be due in a few days, so I will say my little say now. I was very sorry to see the last issue of the *Palm* without a letter from this chapter, and especially as that neglect on my part has given rise to various rumors in regard to the demise of this chapter. Allow me to say just here, for the edification of those gentlemen who can find no better occupation for their brains than the origination and

propagation of reports to the effect that we have surrendered the charter of the Virginia Alpha, that we have not done so, nor do we propose to do so, however much they may wish us to do it.

The Virginia Alpha has had rather bad luck for the last two or three years, owing to the small number of cadets at the Institute, it is true, but still there is no just cause for supposing that we would allow a streak of bad luck, now and then, to conquer us. We have initiated three new men since your last issue, to-wit—J. G. Breckinridge, of Virginia; Hugh Meems, of Virginia, and E. D. Frost, of South Carolina. Although they are young, they will make good A. T. Qs, and in my opinion three good young men are worth a dozen bad, but older ones. Bros. W. H. Price and Arthur Lee have left us; the former is at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; the latter is with you in Richmond, Va. We are very much gratified to learn that our dear old Fraternity has met with such a hearty reception in the North, and the Virginia Alpha cordially welcomes all of the new sister chapters, both Northern and Southern.

It is a mistake for any one to suppose that we intend to allow this chapter to die; for if there should come a time when there would be only *one* of us left, that one would willingly assume the responsibility of a whole chapter and keep the Virginia Alpha alive. The Virginia Beta Chapter is in a flourishing condition, and willingly extends to us a helping hand whenever we need it. There are only four of us left, but last year the Virginia Beta Chapter had only three, and this year it has some seven or eight members; so I don't see why any one should think that we

had acknowledged ourselves defeated.

I am sorry that I cannot give you more information in regard to our Alumni, but I hear very little from them, and the accounts are very indefinite. I enclose a list of the initiates for the years '78, '79, '80 and '81.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

Jos. K. Alston, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-IOTA.

Editors Palm:—In our first letter to the Palm we promised to have a better report next time. The time has again arrived to contribute such report. We do so, feeling our inability to present to our readers anything that may be of interest, except that our chapter has made considerable progress since its first letter.

We have initiated three new members since our last report to the *Palm*, which we consider quite fair under the circumstances. We are active in our cause; we seem to be brothers in blood rather than in Alpha Tau Omega bonds, which shows the spirit of our men.

We are closely watched by the other Fraternities, but our actions have always been characteristic of the true type of A. T. Q. men. We are not afraid to express our views and to uphold the standard of our noble Brotherhood. Our chapter numbers at present seven.

We have been quite active in our meetings, and each one endeavors to acquaint himself with the work. We have been working at our By-laws for several meetings, and have them almost

in shape to be submitted to the W. G. C.

We are glad to hear that our Fraternity is extending its bounds North, East, South, and West. A member of our chapter contemplates a tour through the South next vacation, and may visit some of our brothers.

I cannot close without expressing our joy at the establishment of so many chapters in the North, and at the success which the Fraternity is meeting with everywhere. Hoping the news from Pennsylvania Alpha-Iota may be encouraging, I am,

Yours in A. T, Ω .

R. Morris Schmid, Correspondent.

ALPHA-ETA.

Editors Palm:—Owing to the sickness of our regular Correspondent, I find myself called upon to write the letter from this chapter for your next issue, and as I have had no opportunity for preparing a letter that would interest your readers, I hope you will excuse the many imperfections of this one; besides, you know ours is a sub-rosa chapter, and we can get but little news. We are sorry to say our chapter has lost some of its best and most influential members who have finished their course here and commenced to battle with the hardships of business life; but we feel assured that with the pure and lofty principles instilled into their minds by our Fraternity they will ever be honored and respected, and have hosts of warm friends wherever they may go.

At present our chapter numbers only five members, three of whom being Seniors will leave us this session, we are sorry to say; but there will still be left strong and enthusiastic Alpha Taus who will ever labor to advance the cause of our beloved Fraternity and the interests of our chapter. Our Worthy Master will send on applications to initiate two more men in a few days. We wish to increase our membership to ten. Our institution is rapidly becoming known throughout the North, and has the reputation of being one of the best schools in the South, and I think the day is not far distant when the North and South will be almost equally represented here. Then will be the time for the ——Alpha-Eta to exert herself, and to be the means of increasing the ranks of our noble Brotherhood in the North.

Our last catalogue contained the names of two hundred and sixty students. You can easily see that out of this number we can soon increase our membership to ten, and still maintain our motto, "Regard for *quality* rather than quantity." We always look forward with great pleasure to the issues of the *Palm*—first, because we are always glad to hear from our sister chapters; secondly, because we feel such a deep interest in the progress of our Fraternity, and because the words of encouragement we receive through the *Palm* have such a stimulating effect.

May God bless and sustain us in our noble work is the fer-

vent prayer of,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

Correspondent.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

Editors Palm:—Upon me devolves the very pleasant duty of writing the first letter to the Palm from the Virginia Epsilon Chapter since its reorganization in October last. It was reorganized by a member of the old Virginia Epsilon, Bro. (Dr.) C. W. Gleaves (who, by the way, takes much interest in its welfare), with three members, viz.: James R. Eversole, Wytheville, Va.; Samuel M. Ferrill, Salem Va., and George W. McClintic, Mill Point, W. Va. To these we have since added Edward W. Early and William J. Wilkinson, of Hillsville, Va., and Robert P. Wilkins of Washington, La. Now it is necessary to state, in order that our progress may be better understood by the Fraternity at large, that we have had to encounter the same difficulties that lie in the way of a new chapter, but by diligent application on our part and by encouragement and aid from other sources—yourselves included—our prospect is slowly becoming brighter.

Only six members in four months may not appear to be much to some of our chapters; but taking everything into consideration—the other Fraternities here, the start which they had of us, combined with the advantage of having halls already furnished, their influence and popularity in college and in town, the limited number of students and the still more limited number of those fit and willing to connect themselves with any Fraternity—we think we are doing very well indeed. If we succeed in carrying out our plans already formed, we will have advantages which must and will be put to the best possible use at the beginning of next session. Our college has not been as prosperous lately as it formerly was, and several Fraternities have been frozen out, and, I am sorry to say, ours among the number, although the last member of the old Virginia Epsilon—Bro. A. D. Sayre took the highest honors of his class. As the present outlook of old Roanoke is slightly better, we hope to be able to raise the new Virginia Epsilon to as high a standard as that of the old There are here at present three Fraternities-Phi Gamma Delta, consisting of thirteen members, Sigma Chi, eight members, and Alpha Tau Omega, six members.

Now, with fraternal greeting to you and all Alpha Taus, I am,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

G. W. McCLINTJE, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-BETA.

Editors Palm:—Notwithstanding our extreme poverty in regard to news, we will endeavor to respond to the call of the Palm whose voice reaches from the mountains to the sea, and to which responses are borne alike upon the icy breath of the North

and the sun-warmed zephyrs of Southern climes.

The Georgia Alpha-Beta, if doing no more, is certainly holding her own, and maintaining a steady footing and a commendable comparison with other flourishing Fraternities at this institution. There are five Secret Societies here, and it is a source of genuine satisfaction that we can say that, notwithstanding the lively competition, they are all, so far as we know, on good terms with each other, indulging none of those bitter feelings toward each other that are so foolish and yet so common with some Fraternities.

We have initiated only one member since our last letter, and our chapter now numbers ten active members. There is only one obstacle that is seriously working to our disadvantage.

and I am sorry to say that that obstacle is found in our own Constitution. But I will say more about this at another time, and I feel confident that our next Congress will remove the dif-

ficulty.

The Georgia State Alumni Association agreed at its last session to meet with our chapter during our coming Commencement exercises, next July. I have written to some of the chapters, among them the Georgia Alpha-Zeta, asking for some more definite information concerning the time of meeting, programme, &c., but, strange to say, none have replied. It is important that we fix upon a day, as the many entertainments usually attendant upon Commencement exercises here are arranged and appointed several months previous.

Some time ago our W. S., in accordance with the request of the High Council, wrote letters of welcome to several new chapters; we hoped to hear from them also, but were disappointed.

We trust they are prospering.

We hope to have a large and enthusiastic gathering of Alpha Taus at our Association meeting. Our boys will give all who come a hearty welcome, and, if our exchequer continues to grow,

perhaps something better and more substantial.

You know that the average collegian's bank will not stand any very great adverse fortune without being threatened with financial ruin; therefore, if any of our Alumni brothers feel inclined to prevent such a calamity by co-operating with us, we shall give their communications prompt attention.

With great and confident hopes in the future of the Fraternity,

I am,

Yours in A. T. Q.,

JAMES H. PITMAN, Correspondent.

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---- ALPHA-DELTA.

Editors Palm:—The new year has been one of such monotony to us so far that I am afraid I have nothing of interest to communicate save our happy prospects for '82 and our greetings to

all our brothers in Alpha Tau Omega.

One fact which I take pleasure in announcing is, that we will be well represented in the Commencement exercises of the University by five of our brothers. We came back at the beginning of the year slightly diminished in number—two of our brothers not returning—and since our return we have suffered an irreparable

loss in the death of one of our most promising men—Walter T. Jones. How deeply we feel his loss cannot be expressed, but we have testified our sorrow by the resolutions forwarded to the *Palm*, and hope that by the next issue we may furnish a short memorial of him.

We are shortly to receive a valuable addition to our number in the person of Mr. ———, of ———, who, we have no doubt, will reflect credit both on our chapter and the Fraternity at large.

We had thought until a recent date that two new Fraternities had been introduced here, but we believe now the honorable rival with whom we have been competing for the last two and a-half years is still our only rival. On account of our unfortunately sub-rosa condition, we have no means of arriving at absolute certainty on this point, but as we know perfectly well of two attempts to enter the field, I feel no hesitation in saying that the future is our own, as our present rival is slowly fading away by the natural process of disintegration.

We received a very encouraging and enjoyable letter a short while ago from Brother R. Morris Schmid, of Pennsylvania Alpha-Iota Chapter, and we only hope that his chapter's pros-

pects may ever be as bright as they seem at present.

If I mistake not, I saw in the Palm, not long since, an article relative to a corrected and enlarged notice of our Fraternity in Mr. Baird's forthcoming new edition of "American College Fraternities," provided twenty-five subscribers from our Fraternity were assured. Please inform me what steps have been taken, if any, in this matter, as I am not acquainted with the inclinations of the chapters in the premises. I am certain, however, that if the ——— Alpha-Delta can be taken as at all representative the measure will meet with hearty approbation. We can promise that four or five copies will be taken in our own chapter, probably more, and hope the scheme will be prosecuted with vigor, so that we shall appear in the prominent position which we undoubtedly occupy among American Fraternities.

I am glad that the work of establishing chapters in the North is going on rapidly, as that is undoubtedly a broad field in which

we may do good.

I trust that the very recent date of my election as Correspondent will excuse my delay in forwarding this communication, and that the same will reach you in sufficient time for publication.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

EVRAH, Correspondent,

HALL OF —— ALPHA-DELTA CHAPTER, ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY.

Died, at Jonesboro', N. C., on January 22d, 1882, in the 22d year of his age, of typhoid fever, Walter Temple Jones, a member of the A. T. Ω .

Fraternity.

Whereas our omniscient and all-merciful Father, in his inscrutable wisdom, has called to his final abode our beloved brother in the sacred bonds of Alpha Tau Omega, Walter Temple Jones; and, whereas we deem it a most sacred though painful duty to testify in humble tribute to his worth our deep sense of affliction at the severance of those loving ties which subsisted between this body and the deceased, and to express our appreciation of the many noble qualities which adorned his character; therefore, be it resolved—

1st. That in his untimely death the —— Alpha-Delta Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity has sustained a loss that it can ill afford, and that upon us who were bound to him by the affectionate ties of daily companionship, the blow falls with especial severity.

2nd. That to the family of the deceased we tender our warmest

condolence in this season of their bereavement.

3rd. That in his death the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity has lost an enthusiastic member and an ardent, zealous and faithful ad-

mirer of the principles she seeks to inculcate.

4th. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our chapter, and that copies of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and to the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* for publication.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

Editors Palm:—We are fortunate in being able to announce a material increase in our chapter since your last issue. There have been five new initiates, and we have strong prospects of another.

The close of the year, which affects chapters so much by the withdrawal of good men, and very often the best men, will not hurt us in the least, for our men are entirely in the other three classes. There is a rumor floating about that Chi Phi will soon be in the University. If she should come she will have to be

content, I am afraid, with a very mediocre class of men. There are so many Fraternities here already that the only chance for another will be to take the men that no other Fraternity wants; in which case Chi Phi will be welcome as a solace to the neglected.

The necessity of our sustaining the *Palm* cannot be pressed too often. Every member of every chapter, who can, should subscribe without the least hesitancy. It is established in our chapter, even beyond a mere matter of precedent, that each brother *shall* subscribe to the *Palm*, and I think it should be so in every chapter. Pennsylvania Tau thoroughly appreciates the necessity of supporting the institutions of the Fraternity which spread her fair name abroad.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

L. L. SMITH, Correspondent.

OHIO ALPHA-NU.

Editors Palm:—The Ohio Alpha-Nu, organized on St. Valentine's day by Bro. W. H. Lamar, Jr., of the Alabama Alpha-Epsilon, sends greeting to her sister chapters, with whom we hope

ere long to be better acquainted.

We have a fine field for work, notwithstanding that we are obliged to remain and labor "under the rose," and besides have one other Fraternity to contend with, which has had a *sub-rosa* existence here for five or six years. Most of our men have, at one time or another, been "worked on" very diligently by that Fraternity to induce them to join it, but without success.

We were organized with five members, one of whom is not now with us, but will be probably next college term. By Commencement we hope to be able to report with twelve of the best men ever in this college, and no Preps need "apply." We are bound to make membership in Ohio Alpha-Nu the reward of high social and class standing.

Before our organization into a chapter we controlled two of the three literary societies, and made a good fight in the third; and now, with a stronger bond, we feel that we can do even better. The three societies have a membership of 150 to 200.

The leaders of that number shall be Alpha Taus.

Our winter term has just closed. With the opening of the next term we shall all subscribe to the *Palm*, I trust. Hoping to hear soon from our sister chapters, we are,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

GERALD FITZ GERALD, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

Editors Palm:—Had not Ben Jonson said "Bad men excuse their faults, good men will leave them," I would fain plead a near examination in extenuation of my guilty negligence. Since last we saw the Palm events of various kinds have happened. First, came letters from our Northern brothers telling of the victories there—the new-born chapters and their zeal; then, when scarce the flush of joy is past, the painful news of death. At the first our hearts are gladdened, at the latter cast in gloom. Brother (Dr.) P. H. Clarke, '69, and Brother (Dr.) G. D. Wilkinson, '70,

members of this chapter, are no more.

We have made several initiations since last meeting, viz.: Brothers Buckner, Richards, and Shippen, which about closes our roll for the session, as the best material in the University is pretty well consumed, and we will have no other sort. Our number is sixteen, of whom we count on ten to start with next session, and in addition several who have been here before, and who expect to return. At last we glory in a Hall of our own. Our small means have not allowed us to do any great amount of fixing up, but the Hall is neat and a thousand times better than none.

In compliance with instructions, we have written to all the former members of this chapter for the particulars necessary for the catalogue. Some of the letters have been answered, some returned undelivered. One to Bro. Wilkinson was returned marked, "Dead"; one to Bro. Clarke was answered in the kindest terms by his father, giving a touching account of his death. But many of them remain undelivered or ignored.

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolutions drawn up upon

hearing of the death of Bro. Clarke.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

W. E. Addison, Correspondent.

HALL OF VIRGINIA DELTA CHAPTER, ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY.

For our late brother, Dr. P. H. Clarke, of Mount Solon, Va., we mourn with unfeigned sorrow, and while bringing no "vain words to gild our grief," yet would we offer some testimony to his high worth and some evidence of our affection for him; therefore, be it resolved—

1. That in reverencing his memory we shall seek to emulate

his example.

2. That we sincerely sympathize with his afflicted family, and deplore with them his untimely end.

3. That we wear our usual badge of mourning.

4. That these resolutions be published in the Alpha Tan Omega Palm and in the Virginia University Magazine, and that a copy be sent to his bereaved family.

E. C. Massie, J. K. Norton, W. E. Addison,

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

Editors Palm:—The letter which I am writing cannot be strictly termed a chapter letter, as this is now the vacation of our University and the chapter is in consequence adjourned. At the last two meetings Brothers W. I. Barton and F. R. Palfrey were initiated. We have lost Bro. Wiggins, at least for awhile. He was a pillar of strength, and his calm self-control gives token that he will ever possess resistless power over others. By years of hard study his once vigorous constitution has become undermined, and he has been forced to give up his work. Bro. Gass, whom we hope to see among us once more, has been forced from a similar reason to abandon all hope of returning to the University. We expect to be joined again by Bros. Garwood and Mansfield. Bro. Bolling has left the University for good, and in him we lose a good member and a pleasant companion—a true Texan.

We feel very hopeful about the next year, and are desirous of increasing the number of chapters of the Fraternity. At present I have nothing worthy of mention to communicate. Four of us, from the love of knowledge, money and sundry other reasons, are now passing our vacation at Sewanee. Our immediate prospect is a *fence*—our future is still a mystery.

Hoping that the *Palm* may appear with its usual promptness, and that you, as well as our other brothers, may have a happy

year, I am,

Yours in A. T. Ω., W. A. Percy, Jr., Correspondent pro tem.

VIRGINIA BETA CHAPTER.

Editors Palm:—We were very glad indeed to receive a card from Bro. Anderson asking us for our chapter letter; for we were uncertain whether the Palm was going to continue, as we had heard nothing whatever from the editors in regard to it this session. We are very anxious to receive the next number, as we wish to see what our sister chapters have done and are doing.

The old Virginia Beta is not yet dead! According to the determination with which we left the University last summer, two of us were here when the session opened ready to work, and resolved to build our chapter up again if possible. Bro. Barrett, who had been spending the summer in Europe, soon returned to help us in our good work, and I am glad to say that we have succeeded admirably. The new men came in right fast, and we were found in our places. We have already initiated five brothers, and the prospects are fair for two or three more.

Our present chapter roll is as follows: J. M. Allen, Paris, Ky.; E. W. Barrett, Augusta, Ga.; Thomas Barrett, Augusta, Ga.; J. W. Bradley, Georgetown, Ky.; H. D. Campbell, Lexington, Va.; R. E. Frierson, Anderson, S. C.; A. L. Robinson, Louis-

ville, Ky.; H. C. Stiles, Savannah, Ga.

We now have more men than any other Fraternity at Washington and Lee University; and since we are in such a prosperous condition we propose to re-rent our old Hall or get a new one.

The membership of the Fraternities here is as follows: Alpha Tau Omega, 8; Delta Psi, 7, Sigma Chi, 5; Sigma Kappa Epsilon, 4; Kappa Sigma Kappa, 6; Phi Kappa Psi, 1; Phi Delta Theta, 1; Phi Gamma Delta, 1; Kappa Alpha, 1; Kappa Sigma, 1.

You see from this that the non-fraternity men are considerably in the majority here this session, but there is no reason for it, as the University is in a more prosperous condition than it has been

in for some years past.

We anticipate having quite a grand time next Commencement, as this is the *centennial* year of Washington and Lee University, and extensive preparations are being made for the celebration. A great many of the Alumni of our chapter will be present on the occasion, and we will be very glad to see any of the brothers from our sister chapters, and will do everything in our power to make them enjoy themselves.

Please forward the Palm to every member of our chapter.

We will send the subscription fees in a few days.

Yours in A. T. Q.,

H. D. CAMPBELL, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY MU.

Editors Palm:—Brother Smith gave you in the last issue of the Palm an account of the re-establishment of the Kentucky Mu Chapter at the Kentucky Military Institute, and also told you our great hopes of its future progress. It gives me much pleasure to state that those hopes have already been realized. The Kentucky Mu Chapter has accomplished more during the past year than any time heretofore; and notwithstanding we have met with many impediments, yet we stand upon a firm basis, with a zealous unity of spirit pervading the entire membership; and we shall endeavor to keep the good work moving. We have succeeded in finishing our Hall in elegant style, and so enthused were we over its completion that we celebrated the occasion by a banquet. As we did not extend invitations to our sister chapters, we will be considerate and not excite their appetites by mentioning the many delicacies displayed upon the board. On account of the necessary expenditures we could not assist the *Palm* as we would wish; yet, we hope to send more subscribers' names before many days. We have good grounds to believe that before the next issue of the Palm there will be another chapter established in Kentucky. Ours at present consists of sixteen members, viz.:

Bros. S. W. Peeples, J. P. Harris, D. R. Smith, W. A. Allen, L. Ericson, T. Keith, G. Green, Jr., G. Keith, R. S. Allen, J. P. Gay, F. Watson, Wm. D. Howe, T. D. Julian, S. S. Goodloe, Wm. Shelton, E. L. Fant.

In our next letter we hope to give you a short history of the old Kentucky Mu Chapter. Let us hear from our sister chapters.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

E. L. FANT, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-THETA.

Editors Palm:—It has worried me no little that our last letter was received by you too late to appear in the November number of our Journal, so I determined that, if in my power, we should send you a communication for the next issue. With the hope that it may prove interesting to your readers, I will give you a short history of this chapter.

On the night of the 26th of April, 1881, seven students at this college assembled in an unfurnished apartment in a private house in Oxford for the purpose of establishing the Georgia Alpha-Theta Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Their names were: Samuel Boykin, L. F. Cater, S. H. Bassett, John G. Owens, Wm. H. Shaw, John Farrar, and A. Y. Harris. Bro. I. L. Candler, (Ga. A. B.), was to have been with us, but was prevented by sickness. At this meeting we decided to organize as soon as we could get the necessary authority, papers, &c. In a few days Bro. W. M. Ragsdale, (Ga. A. B.), of Atlanta, came with full power to establish the chapter, which was accordingly done. Bro. R. completely captivated our entire membership, and there is no one whom Georgia Alpha-Theta holds in greater love and esteem. Our chapter existed sub-rosa until Commencement, when the Faculty, influenced by the advice of our good friend Dr. Atticus G. Haygood, the worthy President of this college, decided to recognize us. To the members of the Chi Phi Fraternity our thanks are due for kindnesses extended to us from the very birth of our chapter. Since our establishment the following named brothers have been initiated: Dr. I. S. Hopkins, A. M., M. D., D. D., W. F. Haygood, C. C. Nall, S. H. Jones, J. B. Cody, J. O. Tigner, John Conn, J. H. Raine, W. G. Keen, R. P. Williamson, L. B. Robeson, J. B. Stewart, E. P. McCroan, and S. B. Bradley.

Dr. Hopkins is Professor of Latin in this institution. Bro. Cater is now in business with his father in Perry, Ga. Bro. Boykin is farming, and in love. Bro. Jones was forced to return home on account of ill health. We sincerely hope and trust that he may be soon restored to health and return to us. Bro. Owens is in mercantile life in Columbus. Bro. Tigner is reading medicine. Bro. Bassett has been collecting for O. W. Massey & Co., Macon. He expects soon to return to college. I don't know why Bro. Cody left, but I hear that he will return soon. Bro. Ragsdale, (Ga. A. B.), our founder, married on the 24th of January one of Georgia's prettiest and most charming daughters. He has our best wishes. Bro. Howard Lamar (Ala. A. E.), paid us a short visit last fall. Come again, Bro. L., we will always be happy to

see you.

Our success in the North and West has been wonderful, we think, and no chapter rejoices at it more than ours. We hold ourselves ready at any time to aid in advancing the Fraternity's interests as far as is in our power.

With sincerest wishes for the success of the Palm, I am,

Yours in A. T. Ω .

JOHN FARRAR, Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY ALPHA-KAPPA.

Editors Palm: This chapter was established about three months ago. Like all new chapters at institutions where several other Fraternities are well started, it has had difficulties many and great to overcome. Under all the circumstances, however,

we have done remarkably well.

We have initiated, including the first initiates, seven members— Bro. Alexander having been a member of the Fraternity before entering Stevens. Of the eight members we have lost three by removal, caused by sickness, &c., a heavy loss to us in our day of weakness. We trust to gain at least as many as we have lost

by the end of the session.

We are indeed grateful for the privilege that Alpha Tau Omega has conferred upon us in admitting us to her noble Brotherhood and giving us access to her noble teachings. We shall endeavor to be worthy of the trust and benefits conferred, and we consider that we can do no better work for ourselves than to live up to her requirements, and no higher good to Stevens than to exemplify her precepts in our intercourse with faculty and pupils. If we are true Alpha Taus we shall command the respect of other Fraternity men and the confidence of all connected with the Institute.

We rejoice to hear of the spread of our Order in the North and West. We congratulate all institutions which are so fortu-

nate as to have chapters of Alpha Tau Omega.

Now, pledging ourselves to the interests of the Fraternity and extending hearty greetings to Alpha Taus everywhere, we are, Yours in A. T. Ω .

Correspondent.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Editors Palm:—It becomes my pleasant duty to make a report of the first meeting of the South Carolina Alumni Association, which was held to-day. The meeting was not as full as we had hoped it would be, but we did what we purposed to do-organize. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Theodore M. DuBose, M. D., (Tenn. Omega), Charles-

ton.

W. C.—John Gass, (Tenn. Omega), Greenville.

W. K. E.—J. F. Robertson, (Va. Beta), Charleston.

W. S.-M. P. Ravenel, (Tenn. Omega), Charleston.

W. K. A.—F. A. Waddill, (Va. Beta), Cheraw. W. U.—L. W. Smith, (Tenn. Omega), Abbeville.

W. Sen.-W. C. Conyers, (Tenn. Omega), Georgetown.

The By-laws recommended by the High Council were adopted. One of them requires every member to subscribe for the Palm.

Our next meeting is appointed for February 21st, 1883, at which time we expect to have speeches, a banquet, and a good time generally, and hope brothers from other States will honor us by their presence. The work has been fairly begun in the Palmetto State, and we hope for great things to come of it.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

M. P. RAVENEL, S. A. W. Scribe.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.

[From Rev. J. S. VAN METER (Va. Beta, '65), Pastor Presbyterian Church, Cynthiana, Ky.]

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Dear Brother Anderson:—Your card was forwarded from Princeton, N. J., to me here, where I am pastor in charge of the Presbyterian church. I have missed the Palm, not having received it since last winter. Enclosed find one dollar for another year's subscription. If you have any extra back numbers please send them from last winter—say March, '81.

I am delightfully situated here. With kindest personal regards and best wishes for the continued success of the *Palm*, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. S. VAN METER.

[From J. H. GLOVER, JR., (Tenn. Omega, '79), Sec. Rabun Gap Railway Co., Atlanta, Ga.]

Dear Sir and Brother:—Enclosed please find \$5 for next five years' subscription to the Palm, for I know we can never afford to lose it, and I have no fear of its discontinuance. Also 25 cents, for which please send me a copy of No. 4, Vol. I) (which I have misplaced), as I desire to have each volume bound.

Hoping to have the pleasure of reading the next number of

the Palm in a short time, I am,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. GLOVER, JR.

[From Hon. Jno. W. CHILDRESS, JR., (Tenn. Iota, '68), Lawyer, Nashville, Tenn.]

My Dear Sir and Brother:—Some months ago you sent me a copy of the Palm, to which I intended at the time to subscribe, but was called from home for several weeks and really forgot it. Your postal of the 31st January, and a copy of your November issue this day received, reminds me to perform a very pleasant duty, and I enclose you \$1 as my annual subscription, which should begin properly with the issue before the last copy sent me. I wish you abundant success in your very worthy and excellent efforts to build up a journal for the Order. It can do us

much good, and if you can only secure the encouragement from the individual membership it deserves, I have no doubt of your complete success.

Yours fraternally and truly,

JNO. W. CHILDRESS, JR.

[From W. H. Dudley (Va. Delta, '75), Lawyer, Lynchburg, Va.]

Dear Brother:—I received to-day your card and copy of Palm. I feel that I have been very derelict in not heretofore subscribing. Have had many good intentions to do so, but have allowed it to be neglected in the press of other matters. I enclose check for \$4 for subscription and insertion of card of my law firm amongst advertisements, which I hope will partially atone for my neglect.

As to data regarding my history, they are but few. I joined the Fraternity at the University of Virginia in February, '75, having graduated at the V. M. I. in 1874. I took the degree of B. L. at the University in 1876 (having been pitched on Medical Jurisprudence); and since graduating have practised law in this, my native place. I know of nothing else to chronicle, as I have neither held office, married, nor died.

With best wishes for the success of the *Palm* and the Fraternity, and kindest regards for yourself, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. H. Dudley.

[From Hon. Thos. G. HAYES (Va. Alpha, '65), Lawyer, Baltimore, Md., Worthy Grand Chief.]

Dear Brothers:—* * * * * * As to the Palm, I have concluded, after mature consideration, that it is the most important agent we have in propagating our Order, and it must be maintained by the Fraternity at all hazards.

Fraternally,

Thos. G. Hayes.

[From Leonard Marbury (D. C. Upsilon, '74), Lawyer, Alexandria, Va.]

Dear Brothers:—Your postal received. Please insert my card in Palm as heretofore. Enclosed find check for \$3.

Yours fraternally,

LEONARD MARBURY.

[From H. C. RILEY (Ky. Mu, '70), Lawyer, New Madrid, Mo.]

Dear Brothers:—Your postal of recent date to hand, and in reply thereto I enclose you the subscription price and the amount required for publishing my card in the new volume. Do S. D. Williams, of Jackson, Mo., and R. G. Ranney, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., subscribe? I expect to subscribe for the Palm as long as the Fraternity deems it advisable to publish an official organ of our Order, and certainly the necessity for its continued publication is fully appreciated by every brother.

Hoping to hear from you at an early day, and to receive the

Palm again,

I am fraternally,

H. C. RILEY.

[From SMITH CARUTHERS (Va. Alpha, '71), Lawyer, Marshall, Mo.]

Dear Brother:—Your postal of 7th instant has been forwarded to me from Arrow Rock, together with a copy of the Palm. This latter, apart from the worthy purpose it has in view, recommends itself by reason of its clear typography and handsome appearance. I hail it with pleasure, and enclose the amount necessary to place me in the ranks of its subscribers. I have unreasonably delayed attention to this matter for so long a time that my conscience has begun to gnaw a little, and, somewhat after the manner of the thief who returned a small portion of the money he had stolen, I solemnly promise to send you some more—"when it gnaws again."

This letter will correct, by its heading, the error of the Correspondent of the Virginia Alpha Chapter that I am practising law in *Arrow Rock*. I am following that avocation in this, the county-seat of Saline county, Mo. The difference is material

when the two places are known.

I take it that there is so little of interest attached to my career that a mere mention of my name as a member of the Alpha Tau Omega would answer all curiosity in the Catalogue the Fraternity is about to revise. Young men have yet their names to carve. I am doing well in my profession, and will do better. I furnish you a few data, however, which you may utilize as you see fit.

Born in Missouri in 1853. Rambled around various States after the death of my parents in 1860. After the war lived in New Orleans. Went to Virginia Military Institute registering

from Louisiana, in 1871, and graduated in 1875. Joined the A. T. Q. in 1871. At college was a member of the Dialectic Society. Won Declaimer's medal in '74, and Orator's and Debater's medal in '75. Was valedictorian of my class; was also, in my own opinion at least, one of the worst young men in the sense of causing trouble to professors and to the Institute. (It was necessary to inject the latter sentence to offset the preceding egotism.) Studied law at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., and graduated there in '76. Went to St. Louis, Mo.; had bad health, and removed to Louisiana in December, 1877, having married in Kentucky on the 11th of that month. In the summer of '78 was run out of New Orleans by the yellow fever, which proved so fatal to Frank W. Walker, an old friend, A. T. Q. brother, class-mate and room-mate of mine. Was admitted to practice civil law as soon after arriving in New Orleans as I could be examined by the Supreme Court, as I had studied it while in St. Louis. Came back to my first-love, Missouri, in the fall of '78, and here I hope to pass the remainder of my days and achieve what success I may win.

I have often thought of visiting Virginia, and may find an opportunity to do so before a great while. I have many pleasant recollections of my life while there, and would relish a visit to

Lexington very much.

I trust the cause which has always found so worthy and energetic a member in yourself may not succumb, but prosper; not halt, but march steadily on. My own good wishes shall attend each onward stride of the *Palm* and the cause it represents.

Fraternally,

SMITH CARUTHERS.

[From W. G. Bennett (Va. Alpha, '65), Lawyer, Weston, W. Va.]

Dear Brothers:—You can continue my advertisement in the second volume of the Palm. Advise me of its cost and of subscription to the Journal. I have thought frequently of preparing an article on Bro. Alfred Marshall and of giving you some reminiscences of the Mother Chapter, but have as yet been unable to spare the time. Perhaps in the indefinite future I may be able to do so.

Yours fraternally,

W. G. BENNETT.

[From E. I. RENICK (Va. Epsilon, '74), Lawyer, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brothers:—The Palm has just come after having been impatiently expected for some time, and I herein send my dollar

note regretting that it is not twenty-five.

I have met and enjoyed down here Brothers Dasher, Pitman, Keen, Harris, Haygood, Groover, and Singleton, of our various Georgia chapters; C. W. Warwick, of Va. A. (now living in Augusta, Ga.); A. D. Sayre, of Va. E., and Walter Page, of no particular chapter, but the life of many, and, what is sometimes better, the death of a few. He occupied the same office with me and resided opposite to my boarding-house, and, though he had risen to the dignity of a Benedict and even of a Paterfamilias, I can assure the "old boys" that a cigarette and a chat late into the night around the club-room grate still stirs the genial current of his soul. We had the boys up in our office and held a meeting, and Page fairly expanded, though he couldn't remember whether they belonged to the Georgia Alpha-Beta or Beta-Alpha. In fact, his whimsical grumbling was delicious. Doubtless he rejoices in the growth of our Fraternity, and yet cannot help lamenting the necessity of chapter specifications. chapter do you belong to, Brother Page?" "Chapter! I don't know, I am sure; I belong to Alpha Tau Omega, together with Glazebrook, Tom Hayes, Joe Anderson, and all that good crowd."

Yes, he is glad it's growing; but you must permit him his prodigalities, his excesses, his hyperbolisms. You can be a member of California Alpha, Beta, Gamma—but you must let him be simply an *Alpha Tau*. He will some day tell us through the *Palm* of those early days of Alpha Tauism, when the casual meeting of a brother was a life epoch; and how he will abuse our innovations and mourn over our abolition of mediæval cer-

emonies!

I've known Page long, and known of him longer, and all the Fraternity should know him. I don't believe in waiting till he

dies to tell them what a worthy brother we have lost.

I heard of him at Trinity, corresponded with him at Randolph-Macon, and visited him as Fellow of Johns Hopkins. I found him a droll fellow—a curious combination of a Tar-heel and a German doctor—steeped to the lips in Greek—determined to be a specialist and yet abounding in Bohemianism. Then I lost sight of him when he went to Darmstadt to thread narrow streets, talk German at *cafes* with jolly comrades, study oddities and antiquities, and to live in courts whose doors were opened

by ponderous keys—when he returned to charm select audiences at Chapel Hill with his lectures on Shakespeare, and when he

swayed the rod at Louisville High school.

At this period I heard of him as having renounced forever a profession he found narrowing though lucrative, and of having drifted into his element—journalism. As editor of the St. Joseph Gazette and "Backwoods" correspondent of the Palm, he came again to my notice. Then I met him here—his praise in all the papers, his articles in the best journals, as chief of the "N. Y. World's Exposition Bureau." With a face flushed with pride I hung over his pentographs of "Uncle Remus," Joe Brown and Governor Colquitt, his delineations of southern boroughs, and his sensible Exposition letters.

He is now gone, "like a tenant that leaves without warning"—gone to New York in obedience to the three telegrams sent in one day—gone to fill a position in the *World's* home office; and of him "Uncle Remus" himself said in the *Atlanta Constitution* the day after his departure: "A few such acquisitions as this will

make the World the strongest newspaper in the country."

Fraternally yours,

E. I. RENICK.

[From Dr. C. W. Kollock (Va. Alpha, '73), Resident Physician Philadelphia Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.]

Dear Palm:—I am afraid this letter may not be in time for the next issue, but trust it may not be too old to appear at some future time. My last number failed to reach me until to-day, as it lay by mistake at my home in South Carolina for about three months.

I have been a resident physician in this hospital since September 1st, '81, and can truthfully say that I am fond of hospital life, and that it seems to agree perfectly with me. The hospital is very near the University of Pennsylvania, where we have a new and flourishing chapter now well established. I have met our new brothers, one and all, and am glad to say that a more enthusiastic set of Alpha Taus I have never seen. They had much to contend with and a great deal to do, but they buckle to the work right manfully, and are fully determined that the chapter shall be second to none in the University. The University of Pennsylvania is destined to become one of the leading schools of America. The fame of her Medical Department has already spread over the globe—is equalled by few and surpassed by none. Her other departments are filled by competent professors, and

are replete with every apparatus. A chapter such as ours, in an institution like this, cannot but shed its lustre upon our Order.

Brother Geo. M. Terrill (Va. Epsilon '74) is a student in the Medical Department, and is now busily preparing for his examination.

Why does not brother W. E. Faison contribute to the *Palm?* Yours in A. T. Q.,

CHAS. W. KOLLOCK.

[From J. B. GREEN (Va. Delta, '72), Lawyer, Baltimore, Md.]

Dear Brother:—The last is an admirable number, and for your industry and skill in the management you deserve praise and support. Here is a check to cover the insertion of my card and the subscription for the coming year. We have a right comfortable fund in the treasury now, and as I am opposed to the hoarding of money for its own sake, I would consider doubling or trebling the present allowance to the Palm, putting our capital where it would do the most good. If you have to make a special call for contributions in dollars or articles I will respond.

Greetings to the boys in Richmond.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JAMES B. GREEN.

[From Rev. S. H. CHESTER (Va. Beta, '71), Pastor Presbytertan Church, Lowesville, N. C.]

Dear Brother:—I felt quite ashamed of not responding to a postal I received from you some time ago and subscribing for the Palm. My intentions were good, but, according to the saying on that subject (sic itur ad inferos), the postal was mislaid and the address lost before it was convenient to carry them out.

I have been off here in the backwoods of North Carolina and seen very little of Alpha Taus in the last six years. My occupation is *trying* to preach the gospel. It is hard work, and is

mainly like virtue—its own reward.

Have just received a call to the Presbyterian church at Lancaster Courthouse, South Carolina, but have not determined yet whether to go or not. I hereby call for remarks from Hugh Heiskell, Frank Waddill, "old" Barney, Williams, and other celebrities around Lexington in the years '70–72.

· In haste, yours fraternally,

S. H. CHESTER.

[From B. C. PRESSTMAN, J2. (Va. Delta, '77), Law Student, Baltimore, Md.]

Dear Drother Anderson: - Your card of the 7th ult. came yesterday. You will find enclosed the \$1 for my subscription to the Palm. In regard to the data you ask for, I will give you an outline of the principal occurrences. I went to the University in October, '77, and left in June, '79. Since that time, until quite recently, I have been travelling abroad. I commenced the law course here at the Maryland Law School, and am now in the fifth month of the course. If you or Brother John F. T. Anderson, whom I had the good fortune to know quite well while at college, should ever visit here, you must both remember that our house, No. 171 N. Charles street, is at your disposal. I have been very much pleased with all the numbers of the Palm, and hope it will continue, though I fear that the ability with which it has been conducted does not meet with its due reward from the Fraternity, and you yourself certainly deserve the grateful thanks of all of us for the disinterested part you have taken in its management.

I enclose \$5 inclusive of the subscription in token of my appreciation of the Journal. With very best wishes, believe me,

Yours fraternally,

B. C. PRESSTMAN, JR.

[From J. G. Brown (N. C [Xi, '72), City Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.]

My Dear Brother:—Of course I wish my subscription to the Palm renewed, for which purpose I enclose one dollar. The Palm is my only source of information about the work and progress of our Order, and through it I learn of the whereabouts and whatabouts of many of my old college-mates. Count me a life subscriber.

I know nothing new about any of the boys, or about myself, except that Bro. E. B. Barbee now occupies a prominent position on the Board of Aldermen of our city, and I carry its keys as City Treasurer—a position which does not interfere with my bank duties. The rest of our Raleigh boys are engaged as they were in your last account.

With best wishes, yours,

Jos. G. Brown.

[From Alex. Hamilton (Va. Alpha, '69), Lawyer, Petersburg, Va.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—The Palm and your postal to hand. Enclosed find one dollar subscription, as desired. I intended to subscribe long ago, but in the press of work, &c., it passed out of my mind. With best love to you and regards to my friends, I am,

Your friend,

A. HAMILTON.

[From R. B. CLARKE (N. C. Xi, '76), Teacher, Cairo, N. C.]

Dear Brothers:—At the first of the year I wrote you of my change from Port Harrelson, S. C., to this place, but as it contained the great temptation of \$1, some dishonest official was prompted to divert it from its original destination, that he might appropriate the contents unsuspected. Thus, you were relieved of the trouble of a very unreadable letter, and I afforded the pleasure (?) of writing again to send my subscription to the Palm, which you

will please find enclosed.

As to how long I will remain here, that somewhat depends. I have taken charge of the school here for the year. If it continues to flourish as it has for these six weeks, would be loth to leave it. I did very well in the lower country, but think I shall have better health here. There is quite a contrast between these rocks and hills and the unbroken expanse of sand and pines that bounded my horizon in the low country. In place of the hoarse bellow of the steamboat. I have the shrill whistle of the locomotive, and instead of the everlasting refrain of the grand Atlantic's majestic roar I am greeted with the sound of the rushing waters of the great Peedee along its rocky bed. But my work is the same. I am still surrounded by the cheerful countenances and the glad shouts of joyous youth. While it may be a pleasant thing to contemplate such surroundings, there is still the grave thought that upon me devolves the responsibility of shaping that vouth from time to eternity.

I hear Bro. Koonce is in Delaware. Do not know his address.

I have been too busy to write a letter for publication.

Hoping to see the Palm soon, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

R. B. CLARKE.

[From M. P. RAVENEL (Tenn. Omega, '79), Medical Student, Charleston, S. C.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—I am afraid you have denounced me as a humbug long since; but hear my story. I have not been able to do much in the way of work this winter, but still I have not forgotten my purpose, and I have done what I could. There will be a meeting of S. C. Alpha Taus here on the 23d instant, when we hope to organize and get in good order. Every Alpha Tau in South Carolina has practically been a member of the State Alumni Association since last summer, although no meeting has

yet been held.

Bro. John Gass has returned to the State with his eyes in bad condition. He expects to be ordained shortly. An earnest worker and talented man, he cannot fail to do good wherever he is, or to win the love of those around him. Bro. E. M. Gadsden has located in Alanta. Bro. W. C. Conyers is running turpentine farms near Georgetown, S. C. Lately Bros. W. B. McBee, A. W. Smith, W. D. Boykin, D. R. Williams and Theodore Bratton have been in the city. We hope to have a full meeting on the 23d instant, and I see nothing to prevent. Bro. W. A. Percy, of Mississippi, will probably be with us. Bro. (Dr.) T. M. DuBose expects to leave the city early in March, as his term of service in the hospital expires then. I sincerely trust Bro. Glazebrook's condition is improving. I hope to write you a short article on the "Song Book" question before long. Bro. (Rev.) F. A. De Rosset is as fine a musician as any Fraternity can boast; and for one, I think few things could be more acceptable than a song book. If at any time I can give any information, it will give me great pleasure to do so. Enclosed find \$1 for the Palm.

Wishing you abundant success, I remain

Your friend and brother,

M. P. RAVENEL.

P. S.—Bro. L. W. Smith (Abbeville, S. C.,) is now "Attorney and Counsellor at Law," and might like to advertise.

Bro. Wiggins will return to Sewanee in March.

[From C. W. GLEAVES (Va. Epsilon, '72), Physician, Wytheville, Va.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—I enclose you \$1, subscription to the Palm. I received the copy yesterday and like it very much, and hope it may "live long and prosper."

I notice in the death list that the names of three members of my chapter have been omitted, and these I send, knowing that it is difficult for one to keep all in sight, viz.:

John C. Janney, Hamilton, Loudoun county, Va.; cause of

death, consumption.

Edwin Mix, New Orleans, La., murdered.

John M. Armstrong, Salem, Va.; cause of death, unknown. The Virginia Epsilon is doing finely. I hear from them frequently, and think the members are made of the right material.

Yours in bonds of Alpha Tau Omega,

C. W. GLEAVES.

[From B. F. Long (N. C. Xi, '72) Lawyer, Statesville, N. C.]

Dear Brother: - Your card and the November No. of the Falm reached me to-day. I am greatly obliged by your kind-

ness, and herewith send subscription for the Palm.

I can but admire your fervency in infusing new life into our Brotherhood. It is apparent that your labors have given impetus, force and expansion to the Order. There seems to be new rejoicing in hope from many quarters. If wishes were omnipotent, surely mine were yours for a rich reward for your genuinely unselfish, self-sacrificing efforts.

It is especially pleasing to hear from the chapters with which we were once associated. Eugene C. Massie's correspondence was spicy, newsy, readable. I saw nothing from the N. C. Xi. or from any of her members. I fear her light has gone out! I wish you could induce that accomplished scholar and vigorous, thoughtful writer, Walter H. Page, of the N. Y. World, to lend us the charms of his mind occasionally. He is a literary genius,

and the master of what he touches.

In answer to your card I might tell you many things of our North Carolina fellows in a general way, but now I haven't time to detail. I wish I had the time to speak of the successes of many of our men for whom I have strong personal attachment, and whose careers already have disclosed manhood and promise,—such men as Page, Everitt, Hall, Staley, Brown, Bradshaw, Watson, Black, and others,—but the urgency of other matters prevents me. I have written on both sides the sheet that I may not appear in print. Most truly yours, BENJ. F. LONG.

[From Rt. Rev. C. T. QUINTARD (Tenn., Omega, '79), Bishop of Tennessee, Sewanee, Tenn.]

Dear Brother:—Will you kindly let me know what is due from my son and myself in renewing our subscription to the Palm? My son is in Mexico, and I should be glad to send his subscription.

I am faithfully yours,

C. T. QUINTARD.

[From W. A. Bobbitt (N. C. Xi, '72), Leaf Tobacco Broker, Oxford, N. C.]

Dear Sir and Brother: - Your postal sent to Franklinton, N. C., reached me a few days ago. Since June, 1881, this has been my home, where I have permanently located. The copy of the Palm has never reached me, as you wrote you had sent it to Franklinton. I was in Richmond last October, and went to see you, but you were out. I paid —— \$1.50 for a book, which they were to order for me, but wrote me that it was out of print. I directed them to pay you the money, but I never heard anything more from them, and never heard whether you received it or not, consequently do not know how I stand with you. Would like to know; and if there is any balance due you for my advertisement, I will send you a draft on Richmond for it. I also want the Palm, and will remit if you will let me know the price, &c. Any information I can give you I will cheerfully give. I send you a list of the members of N. C. Xi Chapter up to the time I left, which may be of some service to you. Please let me hear from you and enter my name on the list as one of your subscribers. Fraternally, &c.,

W. A. Bobbitt.

P. S.—T. B. Williams is living here, and is practising medicine, doing a good business. I enclose his subscription for the *Palm*.

[From JOSEPH H. FELKER (Ga. Alpha-Beta, '78), Lawyer, Monroe, Ga.]

Dear Brother:—Your postal card has just reached me. Accept my thanks for the sample copy of the Palm. Enclosed you will find one dollar as subscription for the same. I will try to attend the Georgia State Alumni Association meeting at Athens in July next. Find below the data regarding my history while at college and since graduation, as requested.

Yours fraternally,

Joseph H. Felker.

[From J. N. GIBBONS (N. C. Xi, '77), Durham, N. C.]

Dear Brother:—Enclosed please find one dollar to pay one year's subscription to the Palm. I regret that I've neglected this

matter so long, but I'll try to do better in the future.

Brother Andrew Gattis and I are the only members in this community, and as both of us left college before or about the time that so many changes were made, we are not posted in regard to the work of the Fraternity, and if you can enlighten us you will confer a favor on us. It is a great source of sorrow to us that our old N. C. Xi. has had so many difficulties since we left her, but we are glad to know that the Fraternity at large is doing so well. I notice that our necrology list is wanting, at least in one name—that of Bro. Adrian Fleming, of Pitt county, N. C. I am sorry that I am not prepared to give you all the data concerning him, and can only promise to collect them and send them in at once. He became a member of A. T Ω . in May, 1879, and died September, 1881, at his home in Pitt county.

Although with us but a short time, he was much beloved by all of us who were with him. But I will tell you all about him as soon as I can inform myself. Let me hear from you as soon

as possible.

Yours,

J. N. GIBBONS.

[From W. L. McGavock (Va. Alpha, '78), Farmer, Dublin, Va.]

Dear Brothers:—Enclosed you will find one dollar to pay my subscription to the Palm for this year. Please send me the last issue. I trust that ere this, through your invaluable aid, the Palm now stands upon an assured footing. If you are in need of pecuniary assistance let me know and I will endeavor to help you.

Yours, Fraternally,

W. L. McGAVOCK.

MEMORIAL DEPARTMENT.

JOHN T. MALONE.

[Georgia Alpha Beta, '78.]

The close of our collegiate year 1880-81 was rendered sad and mournful by the death, on the 28th of August, at 41/2 o'clock P. M., of our brother JOHN T. MALONE, of Milledgeville, Ga. Brother Malone was born on the 7th of June, 1854, and dying as above stated, was a little over 27 years old. He had just finished his course of studies and obtained his diploma, and was looking forward to entering upon his great life-work—the gospel ministry—with flattering prospects of success when death cut short his anticipations. He was sick for many days before his death, during which the chapter endeavored to minister to his comfort by daily attentions. After his disease assumed a dangerous type the members of the chapter spent both day and night by his bedside aiding his mother and the physicians in the best manner of which they were capable, until the close of the college termjust one week before his death—made their departure to their respective homes necessary.

Brother Malone was a young man whose character was irreproachable, and whose memory will be cherished by his fellow-Alpha Taus with the kindest regards. He was a very active and energetic member of our Fraternity, keeping a watchful eye ever upon its interests, and a ready hand to respond to its demands. Bidding a sad farewell to our brother, we will try to draw closer together in the bonds of fraternal love by which we seek to accomplish the great objects of our organization, that when the time arrives we may all be prepared to enter into that eternal home where love and union are perfect.

GEORGIA ALPHA-BETA.

From a touching letter to our Senior Editor from the mother of our deceased brother, as well as from a letter from Brother John Farrar, of Georgia Alpha-Theta Chapter, we are enabled to add the following facts in regard to the history of Brother Malone to his beloved chapter's brief sketch of him presented above.

In his early childhood our dear departed brother gave evidence of those beautiful traits of character that shone so conspicuously when he reached manhood. The predominant trait was his piety. "He was pious from his youth," writes his mother, and adds, "he was never like a child; when a very small boy he never played like other children, but would stand up among his little companions and speak and sing as if he were conducting a religious meeting." At the age of fourteen he joined the Methodist church. From that time on his great ambition was to secure a good education, and then to devote his life to the gospel ministry. All his thoughts, all his efforts tended to that end. From the lack of the requisite means his parents were unable to send him from home to school, but they availed themselves of the best educational advantages the country neighborhood afforded; and so at first he attended school near his home. At the end of one year he was enabled to spend one term at Oglethorpe College. His small means being then exhausted he returned to the farm, and, though still but a child in years, planted a crop, in the hope of realizing from its sale the necessary funds to enable him to enter the University of Georgia the next session. The hope proved vain, but the brave lad was not daunted. He determined to teach for a while, and, to this end, opened a school in Hancock county, in his native State. He taught there one year. The next year he taught in Warrenton, Ga. The venture proved unsuccessful, as far as pecuniary reward is concerned, and the patient, noble youth's faith was sorely tried. But he held on bravely to the hope within him, and his holy ambition was unchecked. His reward came at last.

Through the kindness of friends he was enabled to enter college again, and he matriculated at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. He was privileged to spend one term at this "school of the prophets," and he made good use of the advantages there offered him. While at the seminary he left the Methodist church and united with the Presbyterians. At the close of the term his mind was made up, and his grateful heart was filled with joyous anticipations. He determined to teach school one more year, and then, then his long-cherished hope could be realized! he would be able then to enter the university where he would graduate and at once enter upon his glorious life-task as a preacher of Righteousness. Accordingly, he taught school the next year in Baldwin, Ga. The following year, at the opening of the term, he entered the State University. He spent three sessions there and then graduated. At last the first reward of his faith, of his prayers, of his toiling years, was in his hand—he had his diploma from the University. And (alas for us!) his final, his eternal reward was at hand too—an "abundant entrance" into the kingdom prepared for the faithful in Christ. He had been ill with typhoid fever (superinduced, probably, by excessive study) several weeks when the session ended and he was awarded his well-earned diploma, and a few days thereafter the disease took a sudden and fatal turn, and very soon his noble spirit took its flight to Him who gave it. His illness, which he bore with christian patience, lasted several weeks. It was his Father's will that the hope of his life should not be realized—to preach His Word in the public assembly. But who will say his long illness, in the manner of his bearing it—the absence of all petulancy and murmuring, his unconquerable fortitude and undying trust and love—was not a beautiful sermon? In his last days on earth he was blessed with the presence of his devoted mother and the loving ministrations of not only his dear brothers in A. T. Ω ., but of his other numerous friends in Athens. But neither those tender ministrations nor the skill of the physician could avail; the fiat had gone forth,—his Father's will must be obeyed. And so he "put on immortality."

What shall we say to the mourners in the far-off home in Georgia—to the father, the mother, the sisters? Ah, what can we say! Surely nothing that can lessen their grief. God only can do that. But we can and do assure them—as well as our brothers in $A. T. \Omega$. of the Georgia Alpha-Beta Chapter—that their loss is our loss, and that we mingle our tears with theirs.

Brother Malone was a model Alpha Tau. He was behind no member in love for his Fraternity, and in his willingness to spend and be spent in her service. He was filled with the fraternity spirit, and especially the spirit of *Alpha Tau Omega*, whose sublime teachings accorded so well with the feelings and convictions of his own noble soul.

In this connection we cannot forbear introducing—on account of its appropriateness as well as its beauty—an extract from one of his letters to the *Palm* in behalf of his chapter. He thus concluded his chapter letter in our second number:

"Then, let us not disregard any of those little amenities that the very spirit of A. T. Q. demands of all her true and loyal followers. Whatever is lovely in piety, whatever is refining and elevating in culture, whatever is tender in sympathy, whatever is liberal and forbearing in charity, whatever is charming and captivating in the social affections, ought to be incarnated in us who, by the very spirit of our covenant, are supposed to be the embodiment of the grand principles of Alpha Tau Omega."

Aye, our dear brother was indeed a model Alpha Tau.

The knowledge and appreciation of his sterling worth were not confined, however, to the limits of his Chapter. He was loved and esteemed by all who knew him. A fellow-student and member of a rival Fraternity thus speaks of him in a letter to his bereaved parents:

"Many now are the memories of our walks and talks. While our Fraternity relations were such as not to throw us into the closest association, still we were often together, and I learned to value him highly for his noble traits. "It was as a member of the Literary Society, where we had our debates, that I was afforded opportunities for observing his mental and moral worth. He never rose to speak but his heart was enlisted on the side of virtue, justice or humanity. He always spoke with feeling; that was the predominant element of his oratory. I have often seen him moved to tears when, with impassioned eloquence, he would portray some picture of human distress, which showed that he possessed the tenderest sympathy for the unfortunate and the deepest love for what was good and true. How he might have served the cause of his chosen calling had he been spared to use his powers in the pulpit! * * * The friends he had he 'grappled to his soul.' I shall always remember him as a kind, tender friend, abounding in all the elements of a good and lofty soul."

Thus has passed away—gone to his reward, another of our fraternal band. May we who are left cherish the memory of his beautiful life!

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NECROLOGY.

Alfred Marshall (Va. Alpha).

J. C. J. Clay (Va. Beta).

T. W. Bond (Ky. Omicron).

Stephen Ranney (Ky. Mu).

J. L. Brower (N. C. Xi).

J. W. Whitfield (Ky. Omicron).

W. K. Smith (Ky. Mu).

J. A. Shaw (N. C. Xi).

Saunders Irby (Va. Delta).

T. G. Ivie (Tenn. Iota).

J. G. Blackmon (N. C. Xi).

B. A. Gray (Va. Delta).

T. W. Currin (Tenn. Iota).

W. S. Stephens (Tenn. Lambda).

D. T. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).

George T. Lee (Va. Beta).

John M. Armstrong (Va. Epsilon).

George Watson (Va. Alpha).

C. A. Ellett (Va. Alpha).

T. P. Crawford (Va. Rho).

George C. Humes (Va. Delta).

R. C. Ballentine (Va. Delta).

P. H. Lightfoot (Va. Alpha).

W. A. Langhorne (Va. Alpha).

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T. H. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).

Isaac Paul (Va. Eta).

W. M. Reed (Tenn. Iota).

Samuel Hill (Tenn. Gamma).

E. G. McClanahan (Tenn. Theta).

E. D. Wooley (N. C. Xi).

Vernon Via (Va. Delta).

Frank W. Walker (Va. Alpha).

W. T. Burdett (Va. Delta).

T. C. Lumpkin (Tenn. Lambda).

T. B. Edmiston (W. Va. Zeta).

A. O. Battle (Tenn. Lambda).

D. C. McKay (Ky. Mu).

J. C. Kinckle (Va. Beta).

J. R. McD. Irby (Va. Delta).

J. A. Crichton (Va. Alpha).

E. C. Mix (Va. Epsilon).

E. D. Campbell (Va. Beta).

W. B. Seawell, Jr. (Ky. Mu).

B. F. Atkinson (Ala. A. E.).

John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta).

Adrian Fleming (N. C. Xi).

John C. Janney (Va. Epsilon).

Gilbert D. Wilkinson (Va. Delta).

P. H. Clarke (Va. Delta).

W. T. Brock (Tenn. Lamb la).

Walter T. Jones (—— Alpha-Delta).

487160 Note. The members whose names are found in the above list have been reported to our WORTHY GRAND KEEPER OF ANNALS as deceased; but the particulars as to the time, place or cause of death are known in the case of only a few of them. Members and others who possess such information, or who know of other cases of death among the members of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY are earnestly requested to correspond with the Editors of this Journal-to the end that we may add to our other Annals a full and accurate register of our Dead.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

GREEK NEWS.

- Delta Tau Delta has twenty-five chapters.
- —Phi Delta Theta has revised her Song Book.
- -Phi Kappa Psi denies being a literary society.
- -Alpha Delta Phi has recently issued a Song Book.
- —Beta Theta Pi's "Legal Directory" is a good thing.
- -Fhi Gamma Delta is agitating the Song Book question.
- —Psi Upsilon, on November 17th, 1880, counted 5,362 initiates.
- Chi Psi has started a chapter at Iowa State University.
- -Sigma Phi had her Convention in New York January 5-7th.
- -Kappa Alpha Theta, it is rumored, will soon enter Adrian.
- —Delta Tau Delta wants a certificate of membership, a seal and a new charter.
- —Phi Delta Theta has fifty chapters—forty collegiate and ten alumni—divided into five "Provinces."
- —Psi Upsilon has published nine editions of her Catalogue and seven editions of her Song Book.
- —Beta Theta Pi has fifty-two chapters (of which nine are alumni organizations) divided into nine districts.
- —Phi Delta Theta's next National Convention will be held in this city October 24–27th, 1882.
- —Alpha Delta Phi, it is rumored, has in hand \$16,000 for a chapter house at Ann Arbor.
- —Chi Phi's next convention will be held at Atlanta, Ga., under the auspices of her Southern chapters.
- —Beta Theta Pi's next convention—the forty-third—will be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, August 29–31, 1882.
- —Phi Delta Theta denies the report that its chapter at Missouri University has been killed by anti-Fraternity laws.

- —Beta Theta Pi publishes a list of her most prominent men, and it is an exhibit any Fraternity might be proud of.
- -Alpha Delta Phi.—A member of this Fraternity, The Crescent says, has pledged \$2,000 for the erection of a chapter house at Kenyon.
- —*Phi Delta Theta* was founded at Miami University December 26th, 1848. It was incorporated under the laws of Ohio March 14th, 1881.
- —Delta Tau Delta.—The December number of The Crescent contains a cut and sketch of Prof. John R. Scott, who is called the "Poet Laureate of Deltaism."
- Delta Upsilon will soon have a monthly journal. Each chapter in turn is to publish it a year, and the Union Chapter probably will take it first. So we learn from *The Scroll*.
- —Zeta Psi's convention met in Syracuse, N. Y., January 4th and 5th. There were 175 members present. The next convention will be held in Boston, Mass., Jan. 4th and 5th, 1883. The Crescent gives this information.
- —Psi Upsilon's journal, called The Diamond, is an eight-page quarto without a cover, and is of the same typographical appearance as her official Diamond, which is issued at long intervals, and is sub rosa.
- -Phi Delta Theta.—Rev. Robert Morrison, the founder of this Fraternity, has been complimented by resolution of the Synod of Missouri for clearing of debt and endowing Westminster College, with which he has been connected.
- —Alpha Tau Omega has entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with seven men, all lower classmen.—The Scroll of Phu Delta Theta for February.

Mistake, friend Troxell. You ought to have said Stevens Institute of Technology.

—Phi Kappa Sigma seems to be breathing her last at Lafayette, having but one man and he a senior. This is one of the oldest Fraternities at Lafayette, having been established there in 1853.—The Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.

—A. T. Q. is minus a chapter. The members of its Virginia Military Institute chapter at Lexington have surrendered their charter.—The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

Have they? Well, suppose you read their letter in this issue of the *Palm* and learn the *facts*.

- —Beta Theta Pi has alumni organizations in New York, Baltimore, Wheeling, Louisville, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, San Francisco and Indianapolis, but they will all have to be reorganized under the "Chicago Code" before they can be duly recognized as chapters of the Order.
- —Alpha Delta Phi.—The Star and Crescent offers a prize of fifty dollars for "the best original historical essay on The Rise, Progress and Influence of American College Fraternities," the competition being open only to Alpha Delta Phi under-graduates and graduates of not more than one year's standing.
- —Sigma Chi.—Major R. P. Runkle, one of the founders of this Fraternity and an ex-D. K. E., has not returned to his first love, as was stated in the Beta Theta Pi. The Phi Gamma Delta published the statement from the latter journal, and now makes this correction.

—The Alpha Tau Omega Palm, supposed to be dead, is still

published at Richmond, Va.—Scroll, November.

Evidently *The Scroll* is very blind to what is happening in the Greek world. The vigor and energy displayed by the *Palm* during the past year show that it is a very lively corpse indeed.— *The Crescent* of *Delta Tau Delta*.

—Sigma Chi.—We clip the following from the December number:

"The Purdue cases elsewhere referred to are attracting a great deal of public attention, not only in college but in secular papers. Many prominent men, including many of the leading educators of the country, and professors in colleges, have written to the students' attorneys, heartily endorsing Fraternities and disapproving of any attempt to injure or abolish them."

—Phi Delta Theta.—The Scroll says: Last summer one of the founders of Alpha Tau Omega, which has heretofore been entirely a Southern Fraternity, was badly hurt by a railroad acci-

dent. He went to a hospital in New York, and while recuperating, has established chapters in several Northern institutions, viz.: Muhlenberg, Stevens Institute, University of Pennsylvania and Columbia.

Brother Glazebrook aided in establishing chapters at Stevens, Columbia and St. Lawrence University, but the work at University of Pennsylvania and Muhlenberg was done before he went North.

- —At present there are seven Fraternities at Williams, all secret and each having its distinctive chapter house. Nearly one-half of the students are connected with these societies. Perhaps in no college are the Fraternity workings more harmonious than at Williams, the result of the friendly feeling existing among them. The following list gives the names of the societies in the order of their establishment, and the number of men connected with each: Kappa Alpha, 17; Sigma Phi, 12; Chi Psi, 16; Zeta Psi, 18; Alpha Delta Phi, 24; Delta Psi, 14; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 18.—The Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.
- —In the last issue of *The Crescent* we published in the "Greek World" a paragraph, stating that $B.\ \theta.\ II.$ at O. W. U. had gotten into trouble. We thought we had obtained our information from a reliable source, but have since learned through our correspondent at that institution that the statement was an erroneous one. And, as we wish to deal justly and fairly with all Fraternities, we are happy to say that the chapter of $B.\ \theta.\ II.$, at O. W. U. has not gotton into trouble; but, on the contrary, is in a healthy and flourishing condition. We would caution the brothers in sending news for the "Greek World" to be very careful to see to it that their information is authentic.—*The Crescent* of *Delta Tau Delta*.
- —Phi Gamma Delta acknowledges, in a frank and manly manner, the failure of its Fraternity's struggle for Eastern extension. It says:
- "It has proved that the one thing needed is money, which Φ . Γ . Δ , has not in the same sense as the Easter Fraternities. We cannot, as yet, fully understand why it is that so much money is needed, for it has been the glory of the Fraternity that its principles united men in a stronger bond than that of a mere club, and it does; but it seems as though that Fraternity will succeed best in the East which is made the nucleus of a mere social club, which Φ . Γ . Δ is not yet ready to become. This may strike

some as an attempt to sugar-coat a very bitter pill, but it is nothing of the kind; it is our honest conviction, and while we regret extremely our loss, we do not mourn as those having no comfort. If we had a number of palace-domiciled chapters in the East, a spirit of emulation would spring up. It would be necessary to have the same everywhere, and in less than ten years money, and not brains and moral worth, would be the criterion of a man's fitness for the bonds. Let us be careful to keep our surroundings such that no properly qualified man may be kept from our ranks because of pecuniary considerations."

—We clip the following list of rules for contributors, *mutatis* mutandis, from the last number of the Beta Theta Pi, and heartily commend them to the Palm's contributors:

Communications should be carefully prepared.

They should be legibly written.

English equivalents should be used for all Greek symbols.

Items intended for different columns should be written on separate sheets.

Business communications should not be introduced in letters intended for publication, and vice versa.

Chapter letters not appearing in the issue for which intended

should be revised for a subsequent issue.

The name of the writer should accompany every communication.

- —The A. T. Q. Palm for November has a most interesting and instructive article, "A Cloud of Witnesses," made up of extracts from Fraternity journals, and bearing upon the usefulness and benefits of college Fraternities. The trouble, friend Anderson, is not that we fail to show evidence of usefulness, but that these hide-bound, bigoted asses have closed the debate—refused to be convinced—will not read; they have, so to speak, gone into their holes and pulled their holes in after them. No use to try to argue with them: their ears are not of the kind that we are in the habit of addressing arguments to. You can't get a balky mule to pull by arguing with him that the load is not heavy, and a comfortable stable and feed awaits him if he will go on!—The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
- —"From the Delta Tau Delta Crescent: 'Beta Theta Pi gazes with longing eyes on Columbia College. She has already initiated three men there.' We are pleased to learn this item of news from The Crescent. It displays such an accurate knowledge of our eastern field that it is impossible not to admire it. We would

inform our friend, however, that unless his information concerning Beta Theta Pi is more accurate, he would better in the future

omit references to this Fraternity."-Beta Theta Pi.

We commiserate the editors of the Beta Theta Pi upon their lamentable ignorance of the operation of the Fraternity they are supposed to represent. For their edification we desire to say that B. θ . II. has not three men, but nine, and probably more at Columbia; that these men desire to appear in the next issue of the Miner as one of the chapters of B. θ . II. The following was clipped from the New York World and Evening Telegraph: "The annual banquet of the New York, Columbia, and Stevens chapters of B. θ . II. will be held at Martinelli's on Thursday next (February 23)." We would humbly ask if this information is sufficiently accurate?—The Crescent of Deta Tau Delta.

—"Too much emphasis cannot be put upon the importance of keeping chapter records in the completest and most perfect form possible. Not only should full minutes of every meeting be copied into well bound and carefully kept record books, but especial pains should be taken for the preservation of individual data. Every member, upon initiation, should have a page assigned him in a sort of individual ledger. At the top of the page should be entered his full name, residence, and date of initiation. Then there should be a standing committee on chapter roll, whose duty it would be to record under each name, from time to time, such biographical points, especially, as would be of value in the preparation of the general Fraternity catalogue. Thus, in the case of active members, all college or literary honors and dates of graduation or leaving college should be carefully recorded under each man's name. Alumni members should be followed up as well as possible, particular care being taken to note all changes of address. The college triennial or alumni record, the personal column of the college paper, and the pages of the Fraternity journal would afford much assistance in this work. Although the chief value of such statistics would be in contributing ease and efficiency to the task of future catalogue editors, yet they would also form an extremely interesting volume of chapter history, and many items, as marriage notices and the like, which would not be needed in catalogue making, might be entered upon the chapter-book for the edification of future generations of Greeks of the same tribe. Nothing so powerfully tends to the development of a strong attachment to the chapter home on the part of graduates as the maintenance of unbroken lines of chapter tradition, and the diffusion among active members of a thorough knowledge of their own chapter history and of the men who have occupied before them their seats about the family hearthstone."

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We thank the Beta Theta Pi for saying the above, and saying it so well. We earnestly urge every one of the chapters of Alpha Tau Omega to carry out the admirable and timely suggestions made by our valued exchange.

KIND WORDS FROM OTHER GREEKS.

[From The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.]

The Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Vol. I, No. 5, November, 1881, issued five times per annum. Jos. R. Anderson, Jr., Editor-in-Chief. Price, \$1.00. Published at Richmond, Va. A magazine of 60-odd octavo pages, representing a Fraternity of 22 active chapters and 2 alumni associations; extends from Virginia and Southern States to New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Undoubtedly the most interesting and readable of our exchanges.

[From The Phi Gamma Delta.]

We are pleased to add to our list of exchanges the A. T. Q. Palm, a sixty-page magazine, published five times during the year, under the supervision of J. R. Anderson, Jr., Editor-in-Chief, and Chas. McD. Puckette, Assistant Editor. The Palm in appearance, design and reading matter certainly ranks very high among Fraternity journals. Though we would infer that its financial success is not yet firmly established, yet, if a firstclass journal is any inducement to the members of the Fraternity to merit their hearty support, we feel confident the question of finance will not be long a source of embarrassment. The Palm is not strictly devoted to Fraternity matters, a part of the first columns being given to other topics. In the columns on "Exchanges" there is much interesting reading. It takes The Star and Crescent to task for intimating that a "Higher Southern Education" is requisite before A. Δ . Φ . can extend her limits in that direction. We must say that we are in sympathy with the comments which the Palm makes on this assertion. If our space permitted we would like to quote all that it says upon the subject. Φ . Γ . Δ . was once strong in the South and would have been so yet had not the war dealt so cruelly. As it is, she is proud of what remains, and of her many alumni none are more enthusiastic or honor the Fraternity more, either as regards scholarship or "culture," than those who have been graduated from these same Southern colleges. All praise to the work of rebuilding. We should like to see every extinct Southern chapter revived, feeling certain that the seed would be sown in good soil and bring forth in the future, as it has in the past, rich and abundant harvests.

[From The Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.]

We have received the November number of the A. T. Q. Palm, which completes the first volume. Though but a year old, it has fully demonstrated that it has a right to live. Carefully edited, filled with matter interesting not only to Alpha Taus, but to other Fraternities, the Palm has brilliantly conquered a place in the front rank of Fraternity journals. That it is of inestimable value to its order is evinced by the fact that eight new chapters have been founded during the short time of its publication. We congratulate the editors and all A. T. Qs. upon their organ, and hope they will freely accord it the hearty support which it deserves.

[From The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi.]

One of our most welcome exchanges is the A. T. Ω . Palm. brings with it the genial warmth of the Sunny South, and is packed as full of good things as a New England Christmas stocking. After kindly comments on The Star and Crescent, it protests energetically against a remark in our November number to the effect that higher Southern education was not vet sufficiently advanced to afford an inviting field for $A. \Delta. \Phi$. extension. While gladly granting the admirable character and fitness of many Southern instructors, it seems to us that the lack of large endowments, which is admitted by the Palm, carries with it the lack of abundant educational facilities; the instructors are few and the apparatus is limited, as was the case with Eastern colleges less than a generation ago, and as is the case in Ohio at present. Every one of our chapters has, among its cherished brothers, those who come from Southern States, and The Star and Crescent would rejoice to see our Fraternity represented in great institutionssuch as, for example, the University of Virginia, and such as

may, perhaps, be formed by the consolidation of some of the smaller institutions in other States.

A. T. Q. is now represented at the North in Chicago University, Johns Hopkins, the University of Pennsylvania, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Columbia College. May the good work go on!

[From The Chi Phi Quarterly.]

Alpha Tau Omega has recently established chapters at Emory, Muhlenberg, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Columbia. The Palm, published by her, has just completed its first volume, having furnished 326 pages of interesting reading matter to its subscribers within the year.

[From The Beta Theta Pi.]

Alpha Tau Omega has established a chapter at Adrian College, Mich., and another at Columbia College, N. Y., the latter by members of their Tennessee Omega. We welcome with pleasure this society to our Northern colleges. Its principles are good and its membership averages higher in character and worth than many of its rivals. The Fraternity has adopted an extension policy which it seems to us is a little too vigorous and not characterized by the truest wisdom. Beta Theta Pi has learned hard lessons from too rapid extension, and we are disposed to advise our sister Fraternity to make haste slowly.

[From The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.]

Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, the founder of A. T. Q., met with a very serious accident last July, caused by the wrecking of the train on which he was returning home from a visit to the Alabama Alpha-Epsilon Chapter. He has since been removed to St. Luke's Hospital, New York city, and although confined to his bed he has accomplished much important work for his Fraternity in the North. We sincerely hope he may soon be restored to perfect health.

[From Prof. W. O. ROBB, Assistant Editor of Beta Theta Pi.]

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the November issue of the $A.~T.~\Omega.~Palm$, for which please accept thanks.

I have ordered a copy of our last number sent to your address

and had your name entered on our exchange list.

Let me take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of your tribute to the memory of the founder of our journal, Charles D. Walker—clarum et venerabile nomen. You could have given the Palm no better passport, had it needed one, to the good-will of the Beta Theta Pi than is furnished by your friendship for Bro. Walker. Wishing you and yours all prosperity,

I am, very truly yours, &c.

[From ----, Esq, of the ---- Fraternity.]

A copy of the Palm came into my possession by accident a short time since, and I liked it very much. If not against the Constitution of A. T. Q., I would be pleased to subscribe to it. I will state, however, that I am a member of a rival Fraternity in which you have many and warm friends, and wherever they have come in contact with your members, have always been strong friends. I refer to the ——Fraternity. If there is no objection, let me know, and I will forward the money for subscription. By so doing, you will oblige,

Yours respectfully.

[From — —, Esq., of the —— Fraternity.]

Enclosed is one dollar subscription to the A. T. Q. Palm. Please begin, if possible, with No. 3 of Vol. I. I have Nos. 1 and 2 and am very anxious to get the remaining Nos. of the Volume in order to have them bound. Wishing you success in your journalistic efforts, I am, Very truly yours, &c.

From the same:

Your favor and also *Palms* are at hand, for which accept my thanks. Allow me to congratulate you on the excellence of your journal. It compares well with the best Fraternity publications, and I trust it may "live long and prosper."

OUR GREEK EXCHANGES.

We proceed now to notice our exchanges. We have added two more to our list since our last issue, and so there lie on our table now the representative journals of nine Greek-letter Fraternities. We welcome them, one and all, most heartily. Their periodical visits afford us great pleasure and no little profit, and hence we feel that we can employ only kind words in speaking of them. But to our work.

The Shield (Φ, K, Ψ) . We have received the November, December and January numbers since our last issue. They are taken up chiefly with chapter correspondence and Alumni news, which are of course full of interest to Phi Psis. The editors are unselfish and reserve very little space for themselves, but they generally fill it with timely thoughts. We are especially pleased with the following remarks, which we find in the November number:

"There are a few things, which, as a Fraternity, we should carefully guard against. The first is a foolish assumption of superiority over all competitors. Such a disposition is the sheerest folly and to all whose disposition it is to indulge in vain boastings we wish to say briefly, a kind word or two.

"If we are to be a growing and therefore aggressive Fraternity, it must be by a generous recognition of competitors worthy and honest, with whom we may cope and battle for the supremacy. We shall occupy a very unenviable position in the Greek world if we acquire a reputation for being narrow-minded

and bigoted.

"Phi Kappa Psi represents to us a pure and lofty ideal toward which we all strive, yet while we love her and reverence her above all other social relations we may have as students and young Americans, let us not forget that there are a host of other men, who are equally zealous in their affection for their Fraternity affiliations, and who in all probability are as high-minded and discerning as we are."

The Σ . A. E. Record. The first number of Vol. II is before us, and it is filled as usual with good things. Col. Robert D. Allen, superintendent of the Kentucky Military Institute, continues his discussion of "College Secret Fraternities," giving us in this number his second paper on that subject. The writer, as we have said before, is not a member of a College Fraternity, and hence is an impartial witness. His treatment of the subject is bold, vigorous and logical, and he shows plainly that he intends

to discuss it thoroughly. We greatly enjoy his papers, and we think they cannot fail to help the Greek cause.

We call attention to one other article entitled, "The Existence of College Secret Fraternities is upon a Rational Basis," by Rev. J. C. C. Newton, Alumnus of Chi Chapter. In proof of his proposition, the writer makes two appeals: first, to the laws of human nature, and, secondly, to the circumstances attendant upon college life. His reasoning is logical and the conclusion is irresistible—at least to our mind. *The Record* is doing a good work for our common cause in habitually devoting a large portion of its space to the discussion of the Fraternity question in its different aspects.

The Sigma Chi is truly "devoted to the interests of the Sigma Chi Fraternity." We have Nos. 4 and 5—the last number completing the first volume. This journal has reason to be proud of its first year's work. It has furnished its patrons five numbers brimful of good and, for the most part, interesting reading, and it has done good service to the Fraternity. We barbarians have also been benefited, for, owing to its broad, catholic spirit, its discussions have frequently reached beyond the limits of Sigma Chidom.

In its last number we see reproduced from the *Palm* some of the subjects we suggested to contributors in one of our last editorials, with others added of no less importance.

The Sigma Chi is one of our most readable and most valued exchanges, and we congratulate it on its complete success. We add only one word, and that a word of regret that our good friend Trowbridge, has been forced, from the pressure of other engagements, to vacate the editorial chair of this journal; and yet our contemporary has been compensated for its loss in his worthy successor. Our best wishes are his.

The Crescent (A. T. A.). The November, December, January and February numbers are on our table, and they are remarkable for their sprightliness, as their predecessors were,

This journal has undoubtedly been very successful. Why? Because the members of Delta Tau Delta have given it warm and earnest support. Why have they supported it so well? Because of its intrinsic merit. This is true. And hence we think the facts warrant the pride manifest in the following lines, which we clip from the last number:

"Our organ has become the successful rival of the best Fraternity publications. It leads in typographical appearance and make-up; as the *Phi Gamma Delta* says: "If the standard of the Fraternity journal depended upon the quality of paper used, we would not hesitate in placing the *Crescent* at the head of the list.' Our 'Greek World' has been the leader in Fraternity journalism, as several contemporaries have from time to time acknowledged. In regard to articles of general Fraternity interest, editorials on leading subjects, the pape: speaks for itself. It has won a renowned reputation for liberality, fairness and friendliness in all discussions. It has ever been free from that petty wrangling which characterizes one or two of our Fraternity journals."

The Phi Gamma Delta, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Vol. IV. This monthly maintains its high standing in Fraternity journalism. It is ably conducted, the contributed articles showing care and thought, the editorials being terse and pithy, and its notes of other Fraternities being reasonably full. Its chapter correspondence, however, in the matter of fullness, is far from commensurate with the other departments. We cannot understand this neglect of duty on the part of Phi Gamma Delta's chapters, or reconcile it with the otherwise good condition of the Fraternity. What is wrong?

The Star and Crescent (A. \mathcal{A} . $\mathcal{\Phi}$.). This journal, as our readers know, is a quarterly. We have the last (December) number. It opens with a poem entitled "Our Queen," which was read at the banquet of the Cincinnati Graduate Chapter, December 20, 1881.

This is followed by the "Presidential Address of Dr. R. S. Storrs at the twenty-fifth convention of Alpha Delta Phi," held twenty-five years ago. The number before us also contains editorials; a notice of *The Star and Crescent's* exchanges; and a ta-

ble of "Facts and Figures," showing the number of *prizes* awarded to Alphi Delta Phi at the different colleges where she has chapters, and the amounts of the same, as compared with the number awarded other Fraternities and non-Fraternity men, and their value, in the same colleges.

The figures are collected for the college years 1879–1880 and 1880–1881. The result is interesting, and we give it here.

(For the year 1880-1881:)

Total college membership (embracing the fifteen colleges where Alpha Delta Phi is established), 3,043.

Total membership of Alpha Delta Phi, 318.

Total membership of other Fraternities, 1,449.

Total number of non-Fraternity men, 1,445.

Total number of prizes, 276.

Number awarded to Alpha Delta Phi, 45.

Per cent. awarded to Alpha Delta Phi, 16.30.

Total amount of prizes, \$6,261.

Amount awarded to Alpha Delta Phi, \$1,036.50

Per cent. awarded to Alpha Delta Phi, 16.54.

All of which goes to prove that Alpha Delta Phi is full of "culture." Well, culture is certainly a good and desirable thing, but it pales into insignificance as a Fraternity qualification, per se, by the side of several other things we could mention.

The Chi Phi Quarterly. The January number of this hand-some journal begins the new volume—the seventh. It is a good number, as we predicted in our last issue it would be. It makes the usual creditable showing of chapter items and Alumni personals, and contains, besides an account of the convention held in October last, several good contributed articles, very full notes of other Fraternities, and a number of short editorials.

We come now to our latest visitors and it is with pleasure that we greet them in true Hellenic spirit.

These contemporaries (*The Beta Theta Pi* and *The Scroll*) have heretofore hidden their light "under a bushel," the circulation of

each having been restricted to the members of its own household. Now, however, they have yielded to the spirit of the age, and accordingly will hereafter show their handsome faces to the general Greek world. In view of this wise action, we congratulate them both, as well as ourselves and our other Greek friends

Beta Theta Pi—a monthly quarto of 24 pages, published at Cincinnati, Ohio, with the following-named gentlemen as editors: John I. Covington, Sylvester G. Williams, Willis O. Robb and William R. Baird.

This is the official organ of the Fraternity whose name it bears, and it is the oldest college Fraternity journal. We have the last two numbers through the kindness of Assistant Editors Baird and Robb.

At last we have seen with our own eyes the much talked-of and (we can truly say) the much-abused Beta Theta Pi, and we are happy to announce that we breathe freely again! Yes, we have made its acquaintance and we think we are no worse for it in body, mind or soul. This announcement may surprise some of our readers, who, like ourselves, have been led possibly to expect a different result, but it is nevertheless true. We have examined very critically the two numbers before us, and we declare we have failed to find a single sign or suspicion of those "villainous squibs" about other Fraternities that some of us have heard so much about, or a single word tending to villify or slander or belittle a rival Greek society.

On the contrary, we find the Beta Theta Pi to be a model Fraternity organ—a handsome, dignified, hightoned, ably-conducted, catholic-spirited journal, the peer of any Fraternity journal, and, by many odds, superior to some of its old traducers—in short, a journal that any Fraternity should be proud to have for its official organ, and one whose acquaintance The Alpha Tau Omega Palm is most happy to make. The two numbers we have seen are filled with matter interesting not only to Betas, but to other Greeks as well. We have shown our appreciation of them by

quoting largely from them in this issue of the Palm; and we would call our readers' attention specially to the article on "A Pan-Hellenic Council," which will be found reproduced in its entirety in another department.

The Scroll (Φ . 1. θ .). An octavo monthly of 24 pages, published at Gettysburg, Pa.—M. F. Troxell, editor and manager. Through the courtesy of the editor we have the January and February numbers, being Nos. 4 and 5 of Vol. VI.

We quote from the February number the following words of the editor:

"The Scroll finally yields to the exchange system common to all other Fraternity journals, and shall endeavor to deal honorably and fairly with all. We have hitherto doubted the expediency of exchanging on the one hand, and, on the other, have not done so because The Scroll is devoted to the interests of Phi Delta Theta and to absolutely nothing else. And this latter ought to be the case with each Greek paper with respect to its Fraternity. Facts being as they are it is unfair and unjust to ourselves not to exchange. The Scroll has been the subject of a good deal of ungentlemanly, as well as undignified, comment in the past on account of its strictly family nature and straight line of comment. We aim to get at the truth always, and shall always be glad to tell the truth concerning others. We trust the feeling will be reciprocal."

Though we had never seen a copy of *The Scroll* before, we had heard a great deal about it, and had frequently seen in other Fraternity journals comments upon it that, to say the least, were not flattering; and hence we do not disguise the fact that we had no very kind feelings towards it, on account of the prejudice that these adverse criticisms had engendered in our mind. We desire to be frank. We say we had never heard anything good or kind said of *The Scroll*, and as we had never had an opportunity to examine it for ourselves, we fell in with the general current, and thought very *ill* of it, though we have never uttered one word against it in these pages. Well, we have now seen it, and we suppose our readers would like to hear our opinion of it. Here it is:

In point of letter-press and general mechanical execution, *The Scroll* is fully abreast of its best contemporaries. Its editorials—so far as we can form a judgment from seeing only two numbers—though brief, are well-written, dignified and to the point. Its contributed articles are as good as most of those we find in our other exchanges; the writers—of whom one at least is known and respected outside of the Fraternity—manifesting a strong attachment to their Fraternity. [The fact that the older Alumni are faithful and *active* is always, to our mind at least, *prima facie* evidence of the worth of a Fraternity.]

The chapter letters, which are numerous, are far above the average, being sprightly and generally very well written. Some of them however are lacking in dignity, which fact detracts largely from their merit. We suspect this department of The Scroll is responsible for all the bitterness that has been manifested towards our contemporary by other Fraternity journals; for, although there is, on the whole, an absence from the chapter correspondence in the two issues before us of unkind and abusive allusion to rival Fraternities, there is still enough of it (notably in one letter in the January number) to necessitate the conclusion we have reached.

This ought not to be tolerated by the gentlemen charged with the conduct of this journal, and we have every assurance, since *The Scroll* has determined to extend its circulation beyond the limits of its own Fraternity, that hereafter its treatment of sister Fraternities shall not be wanting in any of the qualities that should characterize Fraternity journalism.

In conclusion, we add that we place *The Scroll* among our other valued exchanges with pleasure, and we venture the hope that our relations may always be agreeable.

More we could not say, less we would not say.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

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ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF WORTHY GRAND CHIEF,
BALTIMORE, MD., March 3d, 1882.

Mr. Edward Williams, of No. 196 Broadway, New York, is hereby designated as a jeweler from whom chapters may order badges and jewelry. This designation does not prohibit chapters from ordering badges and other jewelry from Messrs. M. W. Galt, Bro. & Co., of Washington, D. C., if they prefer. All chapters of the Fraternity *must* order all their jewelry from one or the other of the parties above-named until further orders.

Witness my hand and the Grand Seal of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, the day and year above written.

THOS. G. HAYES, Worthy Grand Chief.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity,
Office of Chairman of the High Council,
March 15th, 1882.

Brother Alumni:—Through the columns of the Palm I wish to emphasize, and that in an official way, one of the resolutions passed at the late meeting of the High Council in New York city. Among the many important measures proposed and advanced at that meeting none, probably, compare in importance with the action taken in connection with the State Alumni Associations. The High Council was unanimous in the opinion that this was the question before it.

Important as it is to propagate the Fraternity and to judiciously extend its limits until every section and every State shall be embraced in it, more urgent yet the necessity of holding securely and developing fully, the material that we already have. The Alumni are the very backbone of our organization. To make it as strong as possible, we must keep the spinal column as intact as possible. From the Alumni we draw our general officers; we expect our greatest material help; we look for the truest exemplification of our principles.

The idea of Alumni Associations is no new one—a feature just being added to our system—but it is as old as the Fraternity itself, and enters into the warp and woof of our organic structure. Refer to Article X, section 15 of the Constitution and see where this idea originated and what relation it bears to the organic whole. Once an Alpha Tau, always an Alpha Tau, regulated by the same principles, bound by the same obligations, committed to the same cause. This settles the question. When a brother leaves college, he does not leave the Fraternity; when he leaves boyhood, he does not leave behind, in his boyhood, the eternal oaths. These last, at least, as long as life lasts. He should be a better, a more real Alpha Tau, every year that he lives, because he should be a more matured, thoughtful and earnest man the older he grows. The obligations have a stronger meaning than ever before, the bonds a stronger power, the Fraternity a stronger claim. He must aid, he must co-operate, he must act, to be true to his obligation and to himself, in a word, for the maintenance of his character as a true man. How, where, can he do it? He is no longer at college, he has outgrown young associates, yet he cannot outgrow his oaths or his Fraternity. To be faithful to these—a very part of himself—he must seek other combinations and more congenial associations to further the same end, which purpose, as a thread, yea, and a golden one, must run through his life. The logical necessity to the man Alpha Tau is his State Association. Its importance does not admit of discussion. He cannot fulfil the promise of his younger years without it. Let Alpha Taus, then, everywhere, see that they do their duty to their Fraternity,—College Alpha Taus by attending to the practical phases of active chapters, Alumni Alpha Taus by giving some of their time and interest to their State Associations. In order to foster this last end, the High Council calls upon the Alumni in the several States to organize at once.

To accomplish this most effectively, some brother will be selected to inaugurate the work in each State, and By-Laws for the same have already been approved by the Supreme officer.

Let the dear brothers be on the alert for the call, and respond cheerfully and quickly when it comes. Let them give such sympathy and co-operation to the cause as will insure all the benefits to themselves and the Fraternity, that must necessarily result from a combination of matured and earnest men in the furtherance of the high and holy principles of our beloved Brotherhood. Fraternally yours,

Otis A. Glazebrook, Chairman of the High Council.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity,
Executive Department,
Office of Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals.

To all whom it may concern:

The undersigned has received the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity's quota of the *new* and *revised* Edition of Baird's AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES, containing a *corrected* and enlarged notice of *Alpha Tau Omega*.

Chapters and members wishing copies of the same should make early application to the *undersigned*, as the supply is limited.

The book will be sent postpaid to any address on receipt of the price—to-wit, two dollars.

Jos. R. Anderson, Jr.,

W. G. K. A.

P. O. Box 194, Richmond, Va.

CLIPPINGS.

[From The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph and Messenger, of February 21, 1881.]

REV. O. A. GLAZEBROOK.—A friend has kindly furnished us an account of the work of the late rector of Christ Church during his charge of three years and five months. It is so good a

record that we take much pleasure in publishing it.

In the three years he baptized 121 infants and 77 adults; presented for confirmation 190 candidates—nine-tenths of whom were adults and nearly one-half men; performed 30 marriages, buried 82 persons; administered the Holy Communion 77 times; held 1,145 public services with sermons or lectures; made over 3,000 visits, and raised \$27,675.50.

In his pastorate the rectory was built, St. John's Mission founded and successfully prosecuted, the chapel of Christ Church erected, and a considerable amount towards the renovation of

Christ Church secured and deposited in bank.

He left the parish entirely free from debt.

[From the Columbus (Miss.) Dispatch, of January 18, 1882.]

Accident on the Georgia Pacific.—Monday evening about 2 o'clock, as the engine, tender, and two flat cars were returning to town from the end of the line, quite a serious accident occurred at Howard's creek, nine miles from the city. The engineer in charge of the train, Mr. W. J. Parish, is very cautious, and was running very slowly. Division Engineer, Mr. Samuel H. Purcell, himself a most careful and watchful man, was on the lookout for washes, which were likely to happen anywhere, the streams being swollen beyond precedent, and the rain falling in torrents. Mr. C. G. Barney was in the cab also, as was the fireman. Two or three others were on the flat cars. When Howard's creek trestle was reached, Mr. Purcell told the engineer that something was wrong, and he immediately

threw back his reverse lever. This movement attracted the attention of Mr. Barney, and he told the fireman to jump. The latter did not know the danger, hesitated, and was pushed off by Mr. Barney, who jumped after him, making a very narrow escape, as the tail of his coat was caught and torn off. The timbers by this time had given way, and as Purcell and Parish had not jumped, they were both caught between the tender and cab as they went down. Mr. Parish's left hip bone was broken, and he was otherwise bruised, but it is only a question of a few weeks when his injuries will heal. Mr. Purcell is more seriously injured, his injuries being both external and internal, but they are not necessarily dangerous. As the track gave way, the engine fell over in the ditch, and as the train was moving very slowly it stopped, thus letting Mr. Purcell and Mr. Parish fall into the creek. The latter climbed up on the trestle and reached the land. Mr. Purcell swam or drifted to the side on which Mr. Barney had jumped, and was helped out of the water by him. As soon as possible a runner was sent to Columbus for medical assistance.

We are glad to be able to report that Mr. Purcell was doing well last night. * * * * * * * *

Messrs. Purcell and Barney, mentioned in the above clipping, are both Alpha Taus—members of the Virginia Alpha Chapter—and as worthy brothers as ever wore the "Maltese Cross."

As will be seen from the extract below from the Richmond *Dispatch*, of February 26th, Brother Purcell has been removed to this city, where he was born and reared, and where he has hosts of friends who will rejoice with us over his narrow escape from death.

Brother Barney is well, and is still prosecuting his engineering work on the Georgia Pacific railroad, with present headquarters at Columbus, Miss.

"Mr. Samuel H. Purcell, who was badly wounded in a rail-road accident near Columbus, Miss., about a month ago, has returned to the city and is stopping with his father, Mr. C. W. Purcell. His many friends here will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering, and will not, as was at first feared, be maimed for life. Mr. Purcell is an engineer of high standing, and, though comparatively youthful, has already risen to the front rank of his profession."

[From the Wytheville (Va.) Dispatch of February 23, 1882.]

There were several very able speeches made in the Jones murder case last week, but the argument of J. L. Gleaves, Esq., for the defence, is more generally spoken of and complimented than any speech we ever heard of. It is pronounced by competent judges to have been the most eloquent and forcible speech ever made in our courthouse. His large audience was held spell-bound, and when he concluded there was not an eye in the courthouse that was not filled with tears. This speech alone is sufficient to place our young talented friend in the front rank of his profession.

Brother J. L. Gleaves is one of the *old* Virginia Epsilon boys, and his brilliant success at the bar is worthy of mention here.

[From The Daily State Journal of Lincoln, Neb.]

A very delicate and skillful piece of surgery was performed last Wednesday on the person of a young German girl named Mary Kulper. The operation consisted in removing about three and a half inches of the femur at the hip joint that had become diseased. Dr. C. S. Hart, of the firm of Bowen & Hart, performed the operation, and was assisted by Drs. Chapin and Bowen. The most favorable results are entertained in this case, as the patient is recuperating fast. We may with justice congratulate ourselves that men of this stamp are casting their lot with us.

About a year ago, Brother Hart (Va. Epsilon, '74) removed to Nebraska from Ohio, his native State; and during his short residence in Lincoln his success and distinction have been so marked as to place him in the front rank of his profession. We tender him our most sincere congratulations, and assure him that his brothers in A. T. Q. will ever rejoice at his success in the noble profession of his choice.

[From the Washington (D. C.) Capital.]

The pastoral painting of Mr. Richard N. Brooke, of Warrenton, Va., now of Washington, and one of our most eminent artists, has been purchased by Mr. W. W. Corcoran for the Art Gal-

lery. It is a most excellent work, and purely American—as Virginia-American it may be qualified-and a feature of excellence in art unexcelled by any artist of this section.

We are proud of the achievements of this dear brother, too; and we will never forget the inestimable service he has rendered his Fraternity. Brother Brooke became an Alpha Tau eleven years ago while filling the chair of Fine Arts at the Virginia Military Institute.

A PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL.

A passage in an editorial in the last Beta Theta Pi touches upon a theme which has long been of interest to the writer, and upon which he gladly embraces the opportunity of recording some of his thoughts. The passage is this: "That action in concert upon matters of common interest may be looked for as one of the incidents of the near future in the Fraternity world can hardly be doubted. Indeed, we look forward with confidence to a not distant time when an ecumenical conference of Fraternity men will be held, and arrangements made, which will greatly strengthen the good feeling now developing so rapidly."

That precisely this end—the holding of a general council of Fraternity men, and the formation of a friendly alliance among all the American College Fraternities-might one day be obtained, has long been a cherished hope with the present writer. And he knows this hope is held, not only by other Betas, as is evidenced by the editorial just quoted from, but by members of many other Fraternities as well. The reasons that make such a consummation desirable must be evident to any one who will con-

sider the question. Suppose we go over some of them.

In the first place, let us dispose of the objection with which such a proposal is likely to be met at the outset; the objection, namely, that the rivalry necessarily existing among the several Fraternities would make such an effort at concerted action wholly fruitless. The existence of any such spirit of antagonism is, in point of fact, a myth. It may possibly have been a real thing once, but it positively is not now. Rivalry there is, and always will be, among the several chapters located anywhere at the same institution, though even this, under the influence of the better feeling that characterizes the relations of the general Fraternities to each other, is, we hope and believe, being in most

places rapidly divested of its bitterness, and reduced to the condition of a manly and genial emulation. But as to the relations of the general Fraternities themselves, they are, and cannot but continue to be, thoroughly cordial and friendly. Their common interests are many and universal, while their grounds of jealousy are few and local. As Betas we can and will rejoice in the prosperity of our sister Fraternities. Why not? And why not they in ours? Their gain, if not directly ours, is at least not our loss. There is room for us all, and the room will be the more ample

as we jostle each other less.

Among the subjects that might profitably be discussed by a Pan-Hellenic council are: The protection of college politics from Fraternity interference; the adjusting of a uniform code of rules, determining the requisites for admission, and settling of the "prep question," and kindred problems; the means of suppressing "lifting," or at least of making it an art free from dishonorable features; measures securing the repeal of college anti-Fraternity laws, and removing whatever prejudice still exists against Fraternities anywhere, and, in general, all themes bearing upon the welfare of the Fraternity system, and the development of kindly feelings among the several Greek peoples. Among the incidental advantages attendant upon the successful execution of this plan would be the drawing together of colleges and college men, and the strengthening of that good feeling of solidarity in the ranks of the best and most cultured men in the nation, upon which depends, in so large a measure, the purity of our political life, and the wholesomeness of our civilization.

That in these and other ways very great good might be made to result from the establishment of such another Amphyctyonic League as this would be, seems well-nigh certain. The steps necessary for its formation need not be difficult. Let influential representatives of half a dozen of the strongest Fraternities prepare a circular, giving in brief the reasons that make such a conference desirable, and calling upon the conventions of the several Fraternities to appoint each a member of a committee on arrangements. Before being presented to the conventions of the respective Fraternities, it should be sent around for signatures among the officials of all Fraternities, and a copy of the circular with all its signatures should then be furnished each Fraternity journal for publication, so as to insure intelligent action by the

conventions.

It would, probably, be best not to name a date earlier than '84 or '85 for the meeting of the council; that would give time for the report of the committee on arrangements to be acted upon

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by the conventions of '83. Special attention might be obtained from the Fraternities whose conventions meet biennially. As to the basis of representation to be adopted, the committee of arrangements might safely be entrusted with the decision of that and other questions of detail of which we need not treat here; as, for instance, the kind and extent of the powers the Fraternities should be asked to confer upon their delegates to the council; the advisability of providing for more than one session, or for the permanent organization with periodical sessions, etc., etc.

Some such plan of work as this, followed out by the right kind of men, would, it seems to me, be very likely to meet with the approval of all the best Fraternities of the country, unless I have wholly misconceived the spirit that pervades the Greek world. I only hope the men will be found to take the initiative in so advisable an undertaking.—Beta Theta Pi, for December,

1881.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

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THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

We feel it to be our duty to call the attention of the Fraternity to the remarkable vigor and extraordinary success which have characterized the past year of her history.

We do this in no spirit of boasting, nor with any desire to institute a comparison between our sister Fraternities and our own, which shall reflect upon the former. Indeed, we are humbly thankful for the flattering record we are able to make, and are sure that our Greek friends generally will pardon a pride which is at once so natural and justifiable. The results are but those that may always be expected when effort is wisely directed and enthusiastically made. We only claim that this has been so well done—as we shall prove by facts and figures—that, probably, no Fraternity can present such a summary of good works within a similar period.

What are the criteria of a Fraternity's prosperity? We would say, success in wise propagation, the activity and spirit of the College Chapters, the interest of the Alumni and the condition of the finances.

As to the first of these, a reference to our Directory shows, that fourteen chapters have been established within the last twelve months, and that the standard of the "Maltese Cross" has been firmly planted in fifteen States, including every section—North, South, East and West—of our country. The enthusiasm of the new chapters is all we could desire, and is an earnest of the greater success which awaits us in the near future.

To show the present condition of the College Chapters we would refer to the eighteen Chapter Letters in this issue of the

Pulm. These letters speak more eloquently and more to the point than we can, and tell of a healthfulness and earnestness which cannot be mistaken. There is nothing that shows more plainly to the experienced Fraternity man, the true condition of a Fraternity, than such communications, and in these we are exceptionally rich in this number of our Journal.

In close connection with the foregoing, and more remarkable even, is the fact, that we publish in this number twenty-five letters from our Alumni, and we have received as many more, which, for want of space, we are compelled to reserve for a subsequent issue These letters breathe a spirit of true fraternal love and zeal, and demonstrate that the principles instilled in the minds and hearts of Alpha Taus at College, live in them as long as they live, and that the Fraternity has as strong a hold upon them now as she ever had. It speaks well for any Fraternity to so engage the love and co-operation of her Alumni. The genuine and unusually deep interest on the part of the older members is further shown by the action which three States have recently taken in forming State Alumni Associations and the guarantee we have that other States will immediately follow their example. So that there shall not be an Alumnus in the land who is not actively engaged in furthering the work and objects of our Brotherhood. It must be remembered that these are not simply Alumni chapters, but the uprising and combining of all the Alumni in a State in a powerful and active organization. The influence of such Associations upon every interest of the Fraternity cannot be over-estimated.

We come now to consider our finances—"the sinews of war"—which play so important a part in all organizations. The revenue of the Fraternity has been in keeping with her general prosperity. We owe no debts, and the treasury was never in so good a condition. We are, however, far from rich, and need—and we hope we may yet secure—such endowments from our brothers who are blessed with this world's goods, as will enable us better

to accomplish our grand aims. Yet, judging from what we see in the journals of other Fraternities, the present condition of our treasury will compare most favorably with that of any other. All of this speaks well for the numbers initiated and the efficiency of our system in securing the material aid of the chapters for the support of the general fund.

In view of this admirable showing, it may be well to ask, What are the special agencies to which this excellent condition of things is due? We speak with modesty, but we would fail to speak in accord with the testimony which has come to us from General Officers, Alumni and active chapters alike, if we should fail to say that first and foremost among these agencies is the *Palm*. It has made known, as far as it is possible to do so, the principles of the Fraternity, thereby preparing a favorable reception for her, wherever this Journal has been read. It has revived the interest of the Alumni until they almost forget they are not again within College walls and amid College associations; it has provided a medium of communication between chapters and brothers far separated, making them feel that they know each other well and are members of one devoted and loving family.

And, as in the past, so in the future must the success of the Fraternity be always intimately connected with the success of her official organ. A most important lesson in this connection—one that we cannot afford to overlook—is, that every brother who reasonably expects and desires the growth of the Fraternity must give his subscription and the use of his pen, when occasion requires it, in aid of the *Palm*.

Another instrumentality is the Alumni. A mother is always strong in her sons, if they be noble and true. We know of no truer men than can be found among our Alumni. Although comparatively young, they grace positions of honor and trust in many places; their influence is generally for good, and, we believe, is destined, every succeeding year, to be felt more and more in the moral, literary, political and social life of this nation.

This auxiliary must be made hereafter to tell even more powerfully for our cause than heretofore.

The official call to the Alumni contained in this issue is timely and wise, and shows that the High Council is fully alive to the means which are necessary to make the Fraternity do her grand part in elevating and ennobling men. If this latent power can be more fully developed and methodically applied, there will be a prosperity within the Order hitherto unknown in the Fraternity world.

There is yet another factor in the sum of our success not to be forgotten in the estimate we are now making. We refer to the wisdom and enthusiasm which characterize our Chief Officers. The Fraternity has been most fortunate in the selection of the brothers she has placed at her head. The busiest and most successful workers in their respective walks, they reflect their characters in the management of the Fraternity. With a devotion that is sublime, a zeal that is enthusing and a wisdom that is rare, they bring to the interests committed to their trust those qualifications that insure the best and most lasting results.

In their fidelity and high competency we now have that which commends us to the world, and commands the respect and loving obedience of the brothers in all measures proposed for our advancement.

We congratulate the Fraternity upon the position she to-day occupies in the Greek world; upon her splendid achievements during the past year; upon the bright promise, that throws itself, as a bow full of encouragement and hope, across our future.

May our past inspire us for a future, which shall be even more glorious in its retrospect than is the review which we can now make.

"A PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL."

Foremost among the questions that must, sooner or later, engage the attention of the Greek world is that of an Inter-Fraternity Convention. The interests of Fraternities are so common, their aim is so similar, and their hopes are so mutual, that they must find it to their great advantage to combine, as far as practicable, for sympathy and protection.

It has long been in our mind to agitate such a move, but we have thought it best that the initiative should be taken by Fraternities older than Alpha Tau Omega.

It gives us much pleasure, therefore, to notice articles on this subject in the December number of *The Beta Theta Pi*, the January number of *The Crescent*, and the February number of *The Sigma Chi*. The first of these articles, especially, so ably and fully covers the ground, that we do not believe we can do better than give it in full. This we have accordingly done in another department of this issue.

We know that we are in the spirit of our own Fraternity, and believe that we speak the sentiment of every brother, when we say that Alpha Taus are always ready to meet and take counsel of their sister Fraternities upon all measures which may best subserve the high purposes to which all true and noble Greeks are committed.

We trust that there will be no unnecessary delay in this matter, but that as soon as may be consistent with the magnitude of the undertaking, and the difficulties and complications which stand in the way of so unusual an enterprise, some of the older Fraternities will take the necessary steps to bring about this result.

Such a convention can do no harm, and may result in the greatest good to the Greek world.

BRIEFS.

- -Volume II, Number I.
- -Subscriptions come in fast.
- —The outlook is truly encouraging.
- —The *Palm's* prospect is fast brightening.
- —This number contains eighty-eight pages.
- -Advertisements pour in, but there is yet room.
- —We publish a number of "Personals" in this issue.
- -State Alumni Associations! Are'nt they "booming"?
- -Count the Chapter Letters in this Number. Eighteen!
- —The Palm's subscription price is only one dollar a year.
- —Every department of the Fraternity's work betokens activity.
- —Now is the time to subscribe. The new volume is just opened.
- —The *Palm* furnishes more reading matter during the year than any other Fraternity journal.
- —We want to enrol *five hundred* subscribers this year. Brothers, don't disappoint our hopes.
- —We were always hopeful, we always believed the "good time" was coming. And, lo, it has come!
- —We present in this issue twenty-five letters from Alumni, and every one of them breathes the true spirit.
- —The time for holding the next Congress is *December*, 1882, and the place, *Washington*, D. C. Don't forget that.
- -Fourteen chapters established in twelve months! This is but a part of Alpha Tau Omega's record. Can any Fraternity beat it?
- —Kentucky and Missouri are asking for Alumni Associations. Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee will soon wheel into line.
- —The publication of the *revised* Preliminary Catalogue is delayed only to get in the new chapters about being established. Patience, brothers.
- —Letters from our Alumni, containing kind words and something else, pour in by every mail. Ah, how glad they make our hearts!

- —Can any Fraternity show more earnest Alumni than ours? All they need is systematic and concerted action, and the State Alumni Associations will provide that.
- —We call attention to the new advertisements in this issue. We know all our advertisers well, and bespeak for them the kind patronage of all Alpha Taus.
- —Before the next issue of the *Palm* we shall hoist our banner in at least two more Western States. We speak advisedly. And so the good work goes on.
- —Although our extension policy has been very vigorously executed, we do not believe we have made any mistakes, and we shall endeavor to be equally as fortunate in the future.
- —The "Maltese Cross" is now planted in fifteen States, to wit: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.
- —We propose to issue this year four numbers, instead of five, as was done last year; but we shall increase the number of pages in each issue from sixty-four to eighty. This will make the second volume contain three hundred and twenty pages, which is what we furnished our patrons in our first volume. And all for one dollar!
- —Delta Tau Delta boasts that she owes no debts and has \$800 in her treasury; and one of our exchanges states that the cash assets of Psi Upsilon—one of the oldest and largest Fraternities in the country—are only \$500. We don't want to brag, and yet we say Alpha Tau Omega can beat both.
- —The "Song-Book" question is a very important one for Alpha Tau Omega to consider now. We have assuredly the requisite talent and zeal to put forth a Song Book that shall reflect credit upon the Order. Let the committee appointed by the High Council initiate the movement at once. All the Fraternities are stirred up on this subject. Let us not be behind any one of them.
- —It is a source of gratification to know how kindly disposed towards us are our sister Fraternities. So far as we know, we have met with nothing but kindness in our intercourse with them. Especially is this true with respect to the chapters we have recently established in the North and West. We have been the recipients of courtesies and benefits from fellow-Greeks, that fill our minds with admiration and our hearts with love. The war is over; and the North and South have truly embraced each other.

—Brother Otis A. Glazebrook, our beloved Founder, has left St. Luke's Hospital, New York, and is at present the guest of the Editor-in-Chief of the *Palm*. He is still a great sufferer from the effects of his fearful accident last summer; but he bears his affliction without a murmur, and, in spite of it, is cheerful and happy. Although his injuries are serious, we cannot but hope that he will ultimately recover and be permitted to return to his beloved work in the ministry. In this hope we *know* every member of the Fraternity joins us.

—We have just received the following letter, telling of another victory. It puts us in such a good humor that we shall have to break our rule, as we did in the last number (for a similar reason) and publish it here.

We congratulate these new brothers, as well as ourselves, on their accession to membership in our Brotherhood. In behalf

of the whole A. T. Ω . Fraternity, we warmly greet them:

"Pennsylvania Alpha-Pi,
"Washington and Jefferson College,
"Washington, Pa., March 10, 1882.

" Editors Palm:

"This chapter was organized to-day with eight members, as follows: One Senior, one Sophomore, five Freshman, and one Senior Prep. Brother N. Wiley Thomas (Penn. Tau) was present, and intiated us. We start out with bright prospects, and expect soon to increase our number. We have a pleasant Hall in which to meet, and we look forward to many pleasant gatherings under the standard of Alpha Tau Omega.

Wishing long life to the Order, I am yours fraternally,

"T. A. Anderson, Correspondent."

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W. H. STALEY (Va. E., '74) was united in marriage with Miss

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H. L. Guion, Jr. (Ky. M., '71) is Second Lieutenant of the famous Chickasaw Guards, and is making a handsome living as a Real Estate Agent in Memphis, Tennessee.

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James Phelan, Jr., Ph. D. (Ky. M., '72), is doing well at the Memphis bar. He is credited with the authorship of a little novelette, entitled "The Virginia Belle," which has had quite a run.

N. WILEY THOMAS (Pa. T., '81), a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is pursuing a post-graduate course in chemistry at Muhlenberg College, Pa.

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J. H. Jamison (Va. B., '67) has recently married again. His address is Brookville, Miss. Bro. J. promised to write for our Journal. We hope this "personal" will remind him of his promise.

R. P. W. Morris (Va. A., '69), late Professor of Engineering at the Texas A. and M. College, is practising law in Lynchburg, Va. We wonder why we don't hear from this once earnest Alpha Tau.

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H. C. RILEY (Ky. M., '70) advertises in the Palm again this year. He is always ready to help the cause.

JOHN G. JAMES (Va. A., '65), President of the A. & M. College of Texas, takes the liveliest interest in the "Irby Fund." The Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer sent us a noble letter from him on the subject, which we intended to publish in this issue (though it was not written for publication), but, alas! the *printer misland it*, and so our readers are denied the pleasure of seeing it, and the Fund, we fear, will suffer thereby.

E. C. Mix (Va. E., '69).—A telegram from New Orleans announces that one of the three brothers who *murdered* Brother Mix last year committed suicide the other day. He had been convicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

JOHN W. CHILDRESS, JR. (Tenn. *I.*, '68) has removed to Nashville from Murfreesboro', Tenn., his old home. He is a very prominent lawyer and a true Alpha Tau.

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OUR NEW ASSISTANT.

It is with pleasure we announce that Bro. Sylvanus Stokes (Va. Delta, '77) has been added to the Editorial Staff of the *Palm*.

This action of the High Council, we are sure, will meet with the hearty approval of the Fraternity.

TO CONTRIBUTORS.

The next number will be issued not later than June 1st. It is therefore absolutely essential that all matter intended for that number shall be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief by the *tenth of May*.

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ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity had her origin, not in mere sentiment, nor in the simple desire to be a Greek-Letter Society; the motive which prompted her formation must be looked for much farther from the surface than in mere feeling or in a love of the mysterious. She was born in the midst of the throes of a dying nation, at a time when men—men in the fulness of experience and knowledge of human nature, gained around the camp-fire and in battle—could not be otherwise than earnest and serious; when the desire and yearning for association meant more than conviviality; when man felt the need of a brother, man's love, confidence and aid; when it was realized that nothing was lasting or indestructible save principles.

To bind men together in a brotherhood based on the eternal and immutable principles of truth, virtue and love, with a bond as strong as right itself and as lasting as humanity; to know no North, no South, no East, no West, but to know man as man; to teach that *true* men, the world over, should stand together and contend for the supremacy of good over evil; to teach, not politics, but morals; to foster, not partisanship, but the recognition of true merit wherever found; to have no narrower limits within which to work together for the elevation of man than the outlines of a world:—these were the thoughts and hopes uppermost in the minds of the founders of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, and which culminated so successfully in the formal organization effected September the 11th, 1865.

Under such circumstances, and with such incentives, the outcome could not have been anything less than the embodiment of what is truest and best and noblest in life.

It is not surprising, then, that wherever Alpha Tau Omega has been allowed to raise her voice or exert her influence, she has been a power in developing the highest type of manhood.

To the circumstances of her birth, rather than to the men who called her into being, is due the grand object she seeks and the blessed precepts she inculcates. Withholding none of the honor due to age, we find in these circumstances that which age may not give. The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, though still comparatively a child in years, has been from the first matured in earnestness and in the strength of her convictions. She rests her claim, not upon her antiquity, but upon her worth; not upon her numbers, but upon the quality of her constituency; not upon her men, but upon the manhood of her sons. Trusting to these, she will not long appeal in vain where she is not now well known, and she will never be disowned by those who have become acquainted with her high aims and her holy purposes.

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was founded in the city of Richmond, Va., on the eleventh of September, 1865, by Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, Captain Alfred Marshall, dec'd, and Judge Erskine M. Ross—all three residents of that city. The last-named gentleman had recently graduated at the Virginia Military Institute, and Messrs. Glazebrook and Marshall were at the time members of the graduating class of the same institution. The mother chapter was therefore placed at the Virginia Military Institute, and from it the Fraternity has spread.

By the force of circumstances, and not from choice (for, although born in the South, it was never designed to confine its benefits to any one section of our common country), the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity for many years planted chapters only in the southern and nearer western States; recently, however, it has extended its borders northward under very favorable auspices,

and it has on its roll now no fewer than ten chapters in northern States, besides having in prospect the early establishment of others in not less worthy institutions.

Most of the members who entered the Fraternity in 1865 and 1866, when they returned to college to resume their studies, which had been interrupted by the war, had been in the Confederate service; hence the average age of the undergraduate members was high at the outset, and many of them gained honors and distinction soon after the close of their college career.

The roll of the Fraternity embraces, at the present time, 37 chapters, of which 29 are alive and 8 are dead. The active chapters are, as follows:

- I. Virginia Alpha, Virginia Military Institute, 1865.
- 2. Virginia Beta, Washington and Lee University, 1865.
- 3. Tennessee Gamma, Columbia, Tennessee, 1866.
- 4. Virginia Delta, University of Virginia, 1868.
- 5. Virginia Epsilon, Roanoke College, 1869.
- 6. Kentucky Mu, Kentucky Military Institute, 1870.
- 7. Virginia Phi, Alexandria, Virginia, 1874.
- 8. Illinois Chi, Chicago, Illinois, 1875.
- . Maryland Psi, Baltimore, Maryland, 1877.
- 10. Tennessee Omega, University of the South, 1877.
- 11. Virginia Alpha-Alpha, Richmond, Virginia, 1878.
- 12, Georgia Alpha-Beta, University of Georgia, 1878.
- 13. ——— Alpha-Delta, —————, 1878.
- 14. Alpha-Epsilon, , 1879.
- 15. Georgia Alpha-Zeta, Mercer University, 1880.
- 16. ——— Alpha-Eta, —————, 1881.
- 17. Pennsylvania Tau, University of Pennsylvania, 1881.
- 18. Georgia Alpha-Theta, Emory College, 1881.
- 19. Pennsylvania Alpha-Iota, Muhlenberg College, 1881.
- 20. New Jersey Alpha-Kappa, Stevens Institute of Technology, 1881.
 - 21. New York Alpha-Lambda, Columbia College, 1881.

- 22. Michigan Alpha-Mu, Adrian College, 1881.
- 23. Ohio Alpha-Nu, 1882.
- 24. Arkansas Alpha-Xi, Arkansas Industrial University, Fayetteville, 1882.
- 25. New York Alpha-Omicron, St. Lawrence University, Canton, 1882.
- 26. Pennsylvania Alpha-Pi, Washington and Jefferson College Washington, 1882.
 - 27. ——— Alpha-Rho, ———, 1882.
- 28. Oregon Alpha-Sigma, State Agricultural College, Corvallis, 1882.
- 29. Tennessee Alpha-Tau, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, 1882.

Of the above number, five, viz: Tennessee Gamma, Virginia Phi, Illinois Chi, Maryland Psi, and Virginia Alpha-Alpha, are *alumni* chapters. Alumni chapters have all the rights and privileges of collegiate chapters, *except that of making initiates*.

The collegiate chapters are generally firmly established, and, with two or three exceptions, are all numerically strong.

The following chapters are extinct, to wit: Tennessee Iota, Union University, 1867 (died 1873); Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, 1868 (died 1873); Tennessee Nu, Nashville University, 1871 (died 1874); North Carolina Xi, Trinity College, 1872 (died 1879); Kentucky Omicron, Bethel College, 1872 (died 1872); Tennessee Pi, East Tennessee University, 1872 (died 1873); Virginia Rho, Bethel Academy, 1873 (died 1874); District of Columbia Upsilon, Columbian University, 1874 (died 1874).

Tennessee Iota and Tennessee Nu became extinct with their respective colleges.

Tennessee Lambda surrendered its charter on account of the scarcity of suitable material at its college.

North Carolina Xi, Kentucky Omicron, and District of Columbia Upsilon were killed by anti-Fraternity laws.

Tennessee Pi died of inanition.

Virginia Rho's charter was withdrawn because the chapter had been unconstitutionally established, although it was an exceptionally good chapter during its whole life.

In addition to the above-named chapters, the Fraternity has several State organizations, established within the past year, called "State Alumni Associations," their object being to aid in propagating the Fraternity and in perpetuating its teachings.

Though established only a short time, these Alumni Associations have already proven of great use, and have demonstrated their ability to promote the general cause of the Fraternity. Each Association meets annually during Commencement with one of the chapters in its State. At these meetings topics of general interest to the Order at large, and of special interest to the members residing in the State, are discussed, and in the intervals between regular meetings the Associations do important work by means of committees.

The government of the Fraternity is vested in three departments, viz: (1) a Congress composed of delegates from the various chapters, which convenes biennially, and in which all power is vested during its session; (2) the Grand Officers of the Fraternity (seven), and a High Council composed of five members chosen by the Congress from the Fraternity at large; and (3) the Worthy High Chancellor, who acts as the judiciary, and who decides all cases in dispute. No chapters are established without the consent of the High Council, and all charters must bear the signature of its chairman, as well as that of the Worthy Grand Chief, the senior executive officer. Each officer holds his position two years.

During the session of the Congress, a part of the proceedings is open to the public, at which time an address on the "Object and Principles" of the Fraternity is delivered by some chosen orator, and sometimes a poem is read.

The badge of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity is a Maltese cross. The centre consists of a circular field of black enamel,

in which is inscribed, in gold, a crescent near the top, three stars immediately below the crescent, the Greek letter "T" in the centre, and two hands clasped at the bottom of the field. The four arms are of black enamel. On the vertical arms are inscribed the Greek letters "A" and " \mathcal{Q} " respectively, and on the transverse arms the letters " \mathcal{Q} " and "A" respectively. The whole badge is bordered with an embroidery of gold. The usual safetypin is worn, the Greek letter or letters indicating the wearer's chapter forming the head.

The Fraternity's coat-of-arms, designed and executed by an honored member, is an exquisite and admirable work of art. Its outline is that of a Maltese cross, and it has for its basis the Alpha Tau Omega badge. The five spaces are filled with figures and devices which convey to the initiated a meaning and significance beautifully illustrative of the tenets of the brotherhood.

The A. T. Ω . monogram-pin, heavily jeweled in the Fraternity's colors of gold, white, green and blue, is occasionally worn by alumni; but, although a beautiful piece of jewelry, it is in no sense an Alpha Tau Omega badge.

All persons not members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity are termed "aliens."

The Fraternity's Constitution is printed, and, under certain circumstances, heads of colleges are allowed to examine it critically. This privilege is accorded to no other aliens.

The Constitution prescribes that a catalogue of the members, containing the full name, place of residence at the time of initiation, year of initiation, honors and distinctions obtained at college and after leaving college, occupation after leaving college and present post office, in the case of each member, as well as a brief history of the several chapters, shall be published once in every five years. This catalogue is termed the "Official Register." As yet there has been no issue of the Official Register, but a preliminary catalogue was published in 1878, and a revised edition of the same will very soon go to press.

The roll now shows the names of about one thousand members, of whom fifty-one are known to be dead.

The Fraternity has no honorary members. It is true that certain of the chapters have availed themselves of the provision in the Constitution which allows each chapter to initiate one alien a year "at large," but such members having been formally initiated in a chapter, and therefore possessing all the rights and privileges, and performing all the duties (whenever required) of undergraduate initiates, do not come within the true meaning of honorary members.

The Fraternity publishes an official journal, called "The A. T. Ω . Palm." It is an octavo of eighty pages, and is issued quarterly under the direction of the High Council. It is now in its second year. From the first, the Palm has maintained a deservedly high position in the field of Fraternity journalism; and to its potent influence is doubtless due the remarkable energy and vitality now so plainly evident in the Fraternity, whereby it has come to be classed among the leading Fraternities of the country.

THE PALM-SUI GENERIS.

The ease with which printing is now done, and the facilities for publishing and distributing all sorts of books and periodicals, have brought us to look with indifference upon things that would have excited the highest interest among our forefathers. With the ordinary reader of this day a new book is a daily incident. A newspaper is not now passed from hand to hand till worn out by eager devourers of its contents. The busy man hastily scans its telegrams or its columns of "news in brief," and leaves its editorial pages unread. It would not be possible in these times to regard the work of the printer with that awe which was once inspired by it. In a measure the glory has departed from the press. How this came to pass is plain. The demand upon our regard for the dignity of mere printed matter is excessive. Types

are too easily accessible, their work too cheap. From this it happens that the ordinary man of the world will eagerly and attentively peruse his letters and manuscript mail, while he, quite from habit, is very apt to toss circulars and pamphlets into his waste basket. No doubt this careless throwing aside of printed matter frequently consigns valuable things to oblivion; and may we not suppose that this habit is carried a little too far sometimes?

It is not to be supposed that any brother has ever thrown his copy of the Palm into the waste basket. But the above reflections lead us to ask each brother, Have you not lightly laid aside the Palm as you would not put away, half read, a letter from a valued friend? Did you not, upon opening the wrapper of the very first number, say to yourself, "Well, here is another journalistic venture, born, doubtless, to short life?" Did you feel that, but for the respect due to A. T. Q., on the cover and the good name inscribed beneath, it too might go the way of the waste basket? Perhaps there was a little of this sort of feeling among those who did not know the editor.

Perhaps some brothers may have regarded the new magazine as little more than a college paper, destined to be the vehicle of sophomoric platitudes, slangy attempts at wit, and a feeble imitator of the vicious and disgusting which so largely enters into prevailing newspaper style. The writer of this must confess that he would have felt something of this sort had he not known the editor-in-chief. Knowing that worthy brother, there could be no apprehension that the journal would prove a failure from its own weakness or want of tone, but there was some fear that the Fraternity might not come to the support of the *Palm* in such fashion as to secure its continuance. Happily the days of severest trial seem to have ended. The *Palm* is a thing fairly established.

Do we appreciate it fully? If any one will take the trouble to ask this question thoughtfully of himself, and add this further

one, "Why should we value it in a special degree and manner?" the true office and importance of our journal will be presented in a way never, perhaps, suggested before.

When the thoughtful, busy, educated man of these times receives his daily mail, he proceeds to open, first, his letters; then his technical or business journals; then his newspapers at large, so to speak, and finally circulars or general trash.

In which of these classes will the *Palm* be placed? By all means in the first. What is it but a bundle of letters? Letters all from friends bound to us by the tie of our common brother-hood—many from those dear to us by long association in the happiest period of our youth. Here are the very words of the "old fellows," now dignified judges, doctors, leaders among their fellow men. With their words they stand before us as boys, rejuvenated, fresh, joyous, full of faith in themselves and the future.

With the *Palm* before us we fall into a dreamy reverie. We are again amid the mountains of Virginia.

The dark days of '65 come back to us—dark with political uncertainties, mournings, oppressions, and all the wreck and ruin of war. In that darkness each one of us reached out his groping hands feeling the need of a brother's help since he could not see to walk alone. Then it was that the little band of the Virginia Alpha was drawn together. Then this small company was wont to assemble at times in an obscure upper room on a back street in Lexington, and there gather from the association of sympathetic spirits strength for the troubled environment of our daily lives. Some names now most frequently seen in the *Palm* were on our roll then. Every man of them had a character—there was no man among them whose individuality did not assert itself in some more or less attractive trait.

How pleasantly the scenes of our first modest reunion banquet come back to us! We would avoid the very appearance of evil, so we had no strong drinks. Yet, how the wit and humor

flashed and sparkled around our board! What toasts were drunk in lemonade! There was our dignified presiding officer, keeping all things in order, as he has done since. Around the table sat one whose demure face and low modest voice gave the effect of shots from a masked battery to his sly sallies of keenest wit; another whose keen sarcasm was the terror of his adversaries in debate, but the delight of the Alpha Taus who never felt its edge; another full of fun and ever ready to set the table in a roar by the contagion of his laugh. There was Marshall, chivalrous, knightly, bold; and Crichton, modest, gentle, pure and lovable. What an assembly it was! None of its members may be famous, but all have won honor for themselves in proportion to their endowment, if in no other way, at least by the fact of having been thought worthy to help found our Fraternity.

Such reminiscences come to us in reading the *Palm*. It is a budget of letters and news from dearest old friends, and lifts us above the hardening realities that so tend to enfeeble our finer sensibilities and most generous qualities. It has the flavor of the fountain of perpetual youth, and is as the morning dew upon hearts parched by the midday sun.

Much might be said of the usefulness of the *Palm* as a means of bringing the brothers together for mutual help in the business relations of life; also of its special value to the traveling brother, but I will not further impose upon the space of the *Palm* or the time of its readers.

One suggestion I will venture—that is, that contributors always sign their names to their articles. The *Palm* is for brothers, not for critics, and its distinguishing charm is its personality. Why, then, should any brother talk to us from behind a *nom de plume?*

H. H. DINWIDDIE.

College Station, Texas.

LETTERS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

NEW YORK ALPHA-OMICRON.

Editors Palm:—It is with no little pleasure that I, as Correspondent of the New York Alpha-Omicron Chapter, write my first letter to the Palm. Our chapter was founded in March, with the aid of Bro. Glazebrook, with five members. Since that time we have initiated two more, making the number seven, which we hope to raise to nine before the term closes.

Î now take pleasure in introducing to you the members of the

New York Alpha-Omicron.

Addison I. Bacheller, '82, Canton, N. Y. Hobart B. Chandler, '83, Canton, N. Y. James E. Church, '83, Cleveland, O. Robert D. Ford, '85, Waddington, N. Y. Charles F. Johns, '85, Salamanca, N. Y. Chauncy W. Marlyn, '85, Canton, N. Y. Freemont P. Peck, '85, Watertown, N. Y.

With some difficulty we succeeded in obtaining a room in the building, and have made quite an attractive Hall. At this college we have as an adversary a very strong chapter of Beta Theta Pi; but by the time of the entrance of another class we hope that we will be able to successfully contend with it in carrying off the best men.

Although we are one of the youngest chapters and our number is necessarily small, we hope, by the time of our next writing, to be able to report ourselves as composing one of the most flourishing chapters of the North. Hoping to hear from all of the brothers, and trusting that they will remember that our hearts and homes are always open to any of them who happen to be in our vicinity, I am,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

HOBART B. CHANDLER, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

Editors Palm:—It shall be the design of your Correspondent in this—the last letter that he will have the pleasure of writing you in that capacity—to give you a short sketch of the Virginia Alpha Chapter during his four years' membership.

When he and four others of his brother "Plebes" were initiated, the prospect of the chapter was very bright. We were well

represented in every class.

In the 1st Class of '79 we had J. H. McCord, 2d Captain, and "Jackson-Hope," Medalist; J. Q. Lovell and R. L. Hardy, Lieutenants; G. G. Lacy, Orator-medalist, of Dialectic Society, and W. B. Preston, Ouartermaster

In the Class of '80 we were represented by R. L. Robertson, who was afterwards 1st Captain and who received the Orator's medal from the Cadet Society; W. H. Staley, who graduated as Lieutenant, and Jos. Husson, Sergeant in the 2d Class, who did not return to graduate with his class.

In the Class of '81 we had W. L. McGavock, R. W. Alston, J. C. Staley, and P. L. Corker. McGavock and Staley were Cor-

porals.

In the 4th Class, or Class of '82, we were represented by five of the "most impudent 'Rats' in the Corps," as we were called by the dignified (?) "Old Cadets," viz: W. H. Price, J. A. Goldsby, George Watson, Robert Archer, and your humble servant. The first two of these five and your Correspondent were appointed Corporals on their entrance into the 3d Class.

Of the new cadets of '80 we secured five, viz: R. P. Gilham, B. W. Barksdale, C. S. Heth, H. N. Richards, and Alfred King. C. W. Warwick, of the Class of '81, was also initiated about

this time.

So in the year '80-'81 we were represented by two men in the 1st, three in the 2d, five in the 3d, and five in the 4th Class. Alston R. and Corker having left the Institute in the 2d and Husson in the 1st Class.

Up to this time everything was in good condition, but "a change came over the spirit of our dreams," and we were so unfortunate as to lose four men from the 3d Class who were dismissed with their class for "mutiny." Bro. Watson's health had also forced him to resign; consequently we were not represented at all in the 3d Class at the end of the academic year. Bros. Staley, W. and Robertson graduated in July, '80. Bros. Staley, J. C., and Warwick did not return to graduate with the Class of '81. Only Gilham, of the 4th Class, returned, out of the five initiates of that year. McGavock in the 1st, and Gilham in the 3d Class, were all who would have been here in the fall of '80, had not Brother Price and I returned when the members of the class who had mutinied were reinstated. McGavock, Gilham, Price and your Correspondent were alone left in the beginning of the academic year of '80-'81. We secured only one of the

new cadets, Bro. Arthur Lee. We lost Bro. McGavock at the end of the year by graduation, and Gilham did not return. We had then only three men at the commencement of the present year. Bros. Price and Lee left about Christmas, but before Bro. Lee resigned we initiated the three men mentioned in my last letter.

It is the opinion of the writer that the worst is over, and that we will now enter upon a new era in the history of the Virginia

Alpha.

We have had a hard fight, and the struggle is not yet at an end, and this is felt and its importance appreciated by every member who will return next year. Each one will endeavor to do his

best to place the chapter on a firm footing.

It has been the aim of the writer to impress upon these members the responsibility that rests with them, and to instill into their minds the principle that everything save honor must be sacrificed to promote the welfare of the chapter. They know what is required of them, and will not shirk any duty.

We had the pleasure of meeting Brother R. P. Bell of Staunton, Va., who was over here sometime ago, but having a great many engagements, he was able to give us but a few minutes of

his time, I am sorry to say.

Bro. Staley J. was with us for several days last week. We were very glad to see the "Rat," and to talk over old times with him. He has a vivid imagination, and can equal any "old salt" spinning yarns, but, unlike yarns in general, his are always founded on facts.

Well, dear brothers, the writing of this letter has been a sad and, at the same time, pleasant duty. Sad when I think of the changes that have occurred, but pleasant when I recall the happy times of long ago. For who would forego—

"The charm which the Past over the Present can throw For all the gay visions that fancy may weave."

Hoping that the *Palm* may continue its career of usefulness, I will now bring my long letter to a close.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

Jos. K. Alston, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-PI.

Editors Palm:—Probably nothing excites more comment among Fraternity men at any college than the establishment of a chapter of some rival Fraternity. Such, at least, was the case when Alpha Tau Omega first unfurled her banner at W. and J.

Yet, amid it all, nothing has been said or done to our detriment by any of our rivals. Pennsylvania Alpha-Pi, doubtless, escaped many of the troubles and evils incident to the starting of a new chapter owing to the fact that it was already an organization, in good working order, of several years standing. As it was, we started out with eight good men, not at all unacquainted with

Fraternities and Fraternity work.

Our members at present are John E. Woods, Washington, Pa.; H. R. Rose, Johnstown, Pa.; J. C. McLanahan and J. C. Irwin, Holidaysburg, Pa.; V. A. Means and H. F. Means, Lebanon Church, Pa.; and F. L. Todd and T. A. Anderson, West Alexandria, Pa. All of these, with one exception, are below the senior class, thus leaving us seven to start with next fall. Notwithstanding, therefore, we have some five or six other Fraternities for rivals, we hope to be able to build up a strong and worthy chapter of our Order at this place, keeping always before us the rule, "Quality, not quantity." There are chapters here of the Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Delta Tau Delta Fraternities. With this number at one institution, all the good men must necessarily be taken up at this time of the year, so that we have no new members to report for this issue of the Palm. We propose to go slowly, as we are in no danger of dying from a lack of members and believing we will best subserve thereby the interests of Alpha Tau Omega.

Our Hall is in the best part of town, on the main street; neatly furnished and comfortable, it is a splendid place for our chapter meetings. Although not as fully equipped as we would like, we expect in time to make it a model room. But two of the other Fraternities have regular halls—viz: the Phi Gamma Delta and

Delta Tau Delta.

It gives us great pleasure to note the growth and progress of our Order, the activity of her members and the zeal and interest of her alumni. Hoping that she will ever continue thus, and that Alpha Tau Omega will become *the* Fraternity of the land, I remain,

Yours in A. T. Q.,

T. A. Anderson, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

Editors Palm:—We are greatly pleased with the last issue of the Palm, and rejoice at most of the recent rapid movements. Bro. Renick's letter breathed the spirit of interest, and indirectly made us feel his absence more deeply. Now let Bro. Page drop on him with a line or two, and mark out his points, good or bad.

As by special order, we give the following work of the session:

Opened the session with-

Addison, J. H., Richmond, Va.
 Eustis, W. C., Washington, D. C.

3. Ficklen, H. C., Danville, Va.

4. Massie, E. C., University of Virginia.

5. Mallery, Jno., Richmond, Va.

Norton, J. K. M., Alexandria, Va.
 Owens, W. W., Savannah, Ga., (left.)
 Robertson, R. L., Charlottesville, Va.

9. Robertson, Robert, Danville, Va.

Made the following initiates:

10. Addison, W. E., Richmond, Va. 11. Buckner, J. C., Baltimore, Md.

12. Coles, Jno., Estouteville, Albemarle county, Va.

13. Doswell, A. S., Fredericksburg, Va.

14. Reifsnider, J. M., Westminster, Md., (left.)

15. Richards, W. B., Riverton, Va.16. Shippen, Wm., Petersburg, Va.17. Wade, R. D. A., Savannah, Ga.

It is too soon to predict any honors we may get. Bro. Eustis has been elected final president of the Jefferson Literary Society without any serious opposition—a thing which rarely occurs here. Bro. A. S. Doswell is on the first crew. Our chances for degrees and diplomas are good. We will start out next year

with twelve fine fellows, perhaps more. Hurrah!!

As will be seen by a notice in this issue of the *Palm*, we have at last begun to raise funds for the erection of a Chapter House. Bro. M. D. Humes (Virginia Delta, '71) has been appointed trustee of the fund. As to the result of the project, we can only say we are in anxious expectation of succeeding. We see the many dark and gloomy clouds overhanging our—shall I say—bold attempt, but our earnest hope pierces through the veil of gloomy darkness, and beyond we see complete success—a handsome Hall, where we can meet in quiet happiness, and, while the pleasant tales of bygone ups and downs still hang upon the lips, mark out a glorious future. We will ourselves bend every sinew in the cause, and we call upon brothers far and near to aid us.

When, brothers, you see our appeal, go back in memory to your own college days; glance once again at the pleasant meetings, the happy groups of friends; recall the well-known faces, dear then, and still dear, though paled by time; remember, too, the ties, the dear old ties, which drew and bound you closer,

heart to heart; and whilst these hallowed memories still cling

and cluster in your thoughts, extend a liberal hand.

We saw nothing in the last *Palm* which interested us more than the Song Book matter. Hasten its publication. Let it contain two kinds of songs: the one sort gay and lively, bracing up the spirits—aye, such as we would sing when our thoughts run high with pleasure, and our happy mood is uppermost; the other soft and sweet, soothing to the feelings—yes, such as we would sing when our mind is sunk in sadness and our serious mood is on us.

Would that I had more room; but as I am trespassing on your space, for the present, farewell.

Yours, in A. T. Ω .,

J. K. M. NORTON, Correspondent.

- ALPHA-RHO.

Editors Palm:—Through the activity of Bro. N. Wiley Thomas, of the Pa. Tau, this chapter was organized in March. We are five, and, if we do say it, are good ones. Here is our hand for a shake all round.

Our members were scattered soon after organization, and have not yet all returned. The few that remained have meanwhile worked on the By-Laws, and enjoyed and brought nearer perfection the ties of brotherhood.

We were visited the other day by Bro. Thomas, who brought encouragement and news of the Fraternity in other sections.

When all our members shall be together again we shall work with more enthusiasm, and we intend to report good progress. At present we are as "a handful of corn in the earth on the top of the mountains"; by and by we expect to "shake like Lebanon."

We shall send you some subscriptions soon.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

ZETETES, Correspondent.

MICHIGAN ALPHA-MU.

Editors Palm:—Amid the duties surrounding me, I find it is time for our next chapter letter to be forwarded to the Palm.

Truly it gives me pleasure to correspond with so noble a Brotherhood as Alpha Tau Omega, by simply writing one letter. Our hearts are always gladdened on receiving the *Palm*, for then we hear of our sister chapters and their successes.

Since our organization we have endeavored to do what we can towards the upbuilding of our chapter, not alone by the addition of new members, but by placing our chapter on an equal footing with similar organizations. Success has attended our efforts. At our organization we had *nine* men, now we number thirteen; but unfortunately three of our number were called from college last term; they will be with us again, however, in the fall.

Other ends for which we have striven are familiarizing ourselves with the workings of Alpha Tau Omega, and walking according to her teachings. At present we are engaged in getting out a pamphlet of about forty pages in the interest of our chapter

and Fraternity. It will be ready about the first of June.

We have recently made three initiations, as follows: J. D. H. Cornelius, instructor in Greek in our college; Sam. E. Brown, Zanesfield, Ohio; and Andrew E. Kirk, class '83, Sarnia, Ontario.

We have no particular honors, gained by our chapter, to mention, suffice to say in all public exercises of our college this year Mich. Alpha-Mu has had her share of representatives. Nor is she behind in Commencement exercises. Two of her number graduate this year, and we are represented by two out of four performers at the Inter-Society Contest. Our prospects for taking the prize are fair.

Our college in general is in a prosperous condition, having struggled through many embarrassments she is now on a fair road to future prosperity. Another professorship will be en-

dowed at the opening of next session.

We extend to all the chapters of Alpha Tau Omega, which have been recently organized, a most cordial welcome—yes, thrice welcome to our cherished Order. May they overcome all obstacles and always remember a brighter day awaits those who

are true to the principles of Alpha Tauism!

Anxiously, we await the next issue of the *Palm*. Our Fraternity is destined to be one of the brightest constellations in the Fraternity world. In the *Palm* is recorded her history. Let each one interested in her course ever keep an eye on her sacred record, and the *Palm* will triumph.

To each and all we remain brothers.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

J. S. VANDERVORT, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA BETA.

Editors Palm:—In the last issue of the Palm you will find a history of our work during the present session. Since that letter was written we have initiated Bro. Geo. B. Anderson, of Washington, D. C.; and Bro. E. W. Barrett, of Augusta, Ga, has been compelled to go home on account of sickness. He expects to return next session.

Seven of the members of our chapter paid a short visit to the Virginia Delta Chapter a few days ago. We found it in a flourishing condition, with a nicely furnished Hall. It is enough to say that its members were like real brothers to us. They showed us all the kindness that could have been wished. As fine a set of men is seldom met with. We shall long remember our visit to the Virginia Delta, where such pleasant friendships were formed.

I am sorry to announce to the Virginia Beta alumni that the centennial celebration of the Washington and Lee University has been postponed. We shall, however, be very glad to see them

at our regular Commencement.

We think it would be well for matters of general interest to the Fraternity at large to be discussed in the chapter letters, such as the expediency of a Song Book, &c., as well as items of news from the different chapters. It is only by discussion that we can

see any thing in all its phases.

You ask for the honors obtained by the members of our chapter. Bro. J. W. Bradley has been elected to deliver a farewell oration to the Law Class. This is the highest honor in the class. Bro. A. L. Robinson has been elected to represent the Graham Literary Society at its final celebration as one of its best declaimers. Bros. Bradley and T. Barrett expect to take the degree of B. L., and your Correspondent the degree of M. A. Bro. Allen is now one of the editors of our University magazine, and has been elected long term editor for the next session.

Bros. Allen, Anderson, E. W. Barrett, Robinson and Stiles will

return next session.

We leave the future welfare of the Virginia Beta in their hands, confident that they will keep it at its present high standard.

Yours in A. \hat{T} . Ω .,

H. D. CAMPBELL, Correspondent.

OREGON ALPHA-SIGMA.

Editors Palm:—The Oregon Alpha-Sigma, organized at the State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, April 1st, sends greeting to her sister chapters.

We organized with five members—all men who have taken an active part in the literary societies of our college, and will make

good members.

We have a fine field for work, there being no other chapter in our State. We hope by the end of another collegiate year to have chapters at all the principal colleges and universities in this part of the West. We shall all send our subscriptions to the *Palm* in a few days,

Yours in A. T. Q.,
WM. H. HOLMAN, Correspondent.

NEW YORK ALPHA-LAMBDA.

Editors Palm:—The duties of chapter Correspondent devolve upon me during the absence of our regular W. S., John T. Beckett, who, I regret to say, has been obliged to withdraw from college on account of continued ill-health. We miss the familiar face of this good brother very much, particularly as our number is not large; we trust the fates will treat him kindly and send him back to us in the fall much improved. Several Fraternities have planted chapters at Columbia during the present college year, and have made use of what we consider very questionable material with which to swell their ranks. Competition has been sharp; notwithstanding which we "live, move, and still have our being," and, though our number has not grown as rapidly as some good brothers may have wished, I can assure you that our prospect for the future is very promising, and we will do our best to make this a good working chapter.

We thank the brothers of several of the Southern chapters for kind and encouraging letters. We would be glad, if our duties permitted us, to exchange letters oftener with the different chapters, but having many calls upon our time it is almost impossible to undertake such an immense task; so we must depend mainly upon the *Palm* for knowledge of what is going on elsewhere among Alpha Taus. To that end, brothers, tell us as much as you can of your workings. The *Palm* is doing a noble work, and with our hearty and undivided support will increase our field of labor and usefulness. No member of the Fraternity can afford to be without it, if he has the slightest desire to keep up

with the march we are surely making forward.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

C. FOWLER PEARIS, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY MU.

Editors Palm:—Your communication of 23d at hand, and with great pleasure we answer. In that letter you asked us to give the history of Kentucky Mu Chapter, from its reorganization to the present. This chapter was reorganized April 13th, 1881, with J. P. Gay, W. D. Howe, W. P. Wells, W. F. Whitehead, and J. P. Harris; the old Kentucky Mu at this place having been disbanded in 1875. After the chapter had been in operation a few weeks, they added David Smith and Grant Green, Jr., to their number. This was on the 30th of May, 1881. The only work the new chapter did was to build a firm foundation for the succeeding year. In the fall of '81 we commenced work with all our old men except two—Bros. Wells and Whitehead.

At the beginning of this session the different Fraternities (three in number) entered into an agreement to the effect that they would not initiate any new students until the expiration of six

weeks.

Our chapter at the present time is in a flourishing condition, and its prospects for the future are very flattering; it promises to become *the* chapter. We have done all that a chapter, having the disadvantages we had at our starting, could possibly do.

Our chapter at the present time numbers seventeen, as follows: S. W. Peeples, Farmdale, Ky.; L. Ericson, Shelbyville, Ky.; R. S. Allen, Farmdale, Ky.; Grant Green, Jr., Frankfort, Ky.; R. D. Smith, Simpsonville, Ky.; T. A. Keith, Maysville, Ky.; S. S. Goodloe, Lexington, Ky.; E. L. Fant, Flemingsburg, Ky.; G. C. Keith, Maysville, Ky.; T. A. Waller, Morganfield, Ky.; F. W. Watson, Tiptonville, Tenn.; J. P. Harris and W. N. Shelton, Tiptonville, Tenn.; W. A. Allen, Farmdale, Ky.; W. D. Howe, Moorefield, Ky.; J. P. Gay, Jr., Winchester, Ky.; and T. G. Julian, Frankfort, Ky.

Our alumni members and their addresses are as follows: W. P. Wells, Morrellton, Ark., and W. F. Whitehead, Carrolton, Ky.

This completes the list of Kentucky Mu chapter for the years '81 and '82. It is an impossibility for us to give the names of our graduates for this session, but the probability at present is that we shall have two B. As., one B. N. S., one B. C. S., besides two who are trying for medals. We will give you the result of the closing year's work in our next letter, as we consider that the proper time.

We received a letter a few days ago from the Georgia Alpha-Zeta, congratulating us on the re-establishment of the Kentucky Mu. We appreciate the letter very highly, but we think our sister chapter must have been taking a "Rip Van Winkle" sleep, as we have been in existence for nearly two years. They surely don't read the Palm, as we have had a letter in every issue since our reorganization; but we will overlook this, as the flood in the South cut off all communication with the Palm.

We hope our letter is not too late for publication, and also that we will be excused for our lateness in sending it in, as we are all busy preparing our examinations for the year. The Institute closes on June 8th, and we will cordially welcome any of our brothers who may attend our Commencement, which promises to be one of the grandest ever witnessed at old K. M. I.

Wishing success to our Fraternity, the Palm and its editors,

we close with the closing session.

Yours in A. T. Q.,

R. D. SMITH, Correspondent.

OHIO ALPHA-NU.

Editors Palm:—Although so little time has elapsed since our organization, we have made a decided advance, having now in our band thirteen knights of the Malta Cross, confessedly as fine scholars and—better yet—men as there are in college. You will pardon the seeming boasting, I know, for, as we keep ourselves, as a Fraternity, resolutely aloof from college politics, having nothing whatever, as Alpha Taus, to do with them, we are not compelled to initiate men merely for their votes; thus we choose our men at our leisure, and only for their good qualities.

Bro. Lane has left college to go into business; but the evening before he departed we gave him a grand old "send off" in the shape of an oyster supper at the hotel, with toasts, speeches,

singing and laughter interspersed "between the acts."

We would much like to give you a list of all our members, but owing to the peculiar exigencies of our existence, as the

Ohio A. N., we shall be obliged to remain mute.

But, although we can not work as openly as we should like, nevertheless you may rest assured we shall do what we can to advance the interests of our Order—that A. Ts may be found, having the common bond of brotherly love and true manhood, from the pines and hemlocks of the bright, cold North, to the palmettoes of the warm, sunny South.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

GERALD FITZGERALD, Correspondent.

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

Editors Palm: -Since our last chapter letter was written the University has opened and we have entered on another year of Fraternity work. We are happy to note the return of Bros. Wiggins and Mansfield. We have added the name of Bro. Nauts to our roll, and in him we find a pleasant companion and a hard student. The tone of our chapter is thoroughly earnest and fraternal, and we are now especially interested in establishing the State Alumni Association. At the last election of officers Bro. Wiggins was made W. M.; Bro. Du Bose, W. C.; Bro. Weber, W. S.; Bro. Bratton, W. K. E.; Bro. Mansfield, W. K. A.; Bro. A. B. Elliott, W. U., and Bro. J. W. Percy, W. Sen. The fence. which we stated in our last letter to be in embryo, by the tender care of the chapter has been developed into a neat and comely structure, which adds much to the appearance of the public highway and protects our yard from the desecration of the pig and the no less destructive nurse and infant. Some of the brothers. headed by the Worthy Master and Worthy Chaplain, have been very busy planting flowers around our summer house, decorating our yard, and arranging the seats more comfortably, so that the place may be more attractive for an evening tete-a-tete with the would-be sisters.

Begging pardon for this infringement on your space, and hoping next time to write you something more to the welfare and interest of the chapter at large, I remain,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

W. A. Percy, Jr., Correspondent.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

Editors Palm:—It is with some degree of shame, that, after so long an intermission, we again communicate tidings of our prosperity and adversity to sister chapters through the Palm. But we hope to the considerate Alpha Tau our excuse for such a delay will be valid. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees they decreed that no chapter of a Fraternity should live in this institution; and though this decree, at the first of the term, tended to hinder our progress, demoralize our members and decrease our diligence, we can now affirm that the same zeal and earnestness which had theretofore characterized the career of this chapter is rapidly being awakened. Day by day this zest, not long ago dormant, but now living, increases in the heart of

every member of this chapter. And by means of the many good men here uninitiated, we hope ere long to increase our member-

ship.

We have a rival Fraternity, but are glad to say that ours is superior in every respect. Our Seniors will take four out of the five honors at Commencement—having none to compete for the fifth. Though our number of Juniors is somewhat small at present, we hope to equal, if not surpass our rival, before the close of the term. Our progress in no respect is as rapid as it would be if we were recognized by the Faculty, and, of course, our meetings are not as interesting.

Our men are compelled to be apparently a little indifferent to each other, fearing suspicion will be aroused. Our new brothers are unacquainted with the proper mode of conducting a meeting, but after Commencement we will have a public reunion, that

they may realize the advantage of a recognized chapter.

Up to this time we have initiated two new men, and several

others will join soon.

While the absence of our present Seniors next term will be a loss to the chapter, we are determined to have enough substantial material to make the chapter tower above its rival. Our foundation is firm, and we are bound to make the superstructure lasting—one which the Fraternity at large will ever be proud to own.

Trusting that this letter will reach you in time for publication,

I remain,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

Subrosa, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-THETA.

Editors Palm:—We read with great pleasure the last and very interesting issue of the Palm. We extend our thanks and compliments to the worthy editors. We assure them that they shall always have our hearty co-operation. We have heard members of other Fraternities here say that they have seen no better Fraternity journal than the Palm. I think most of our members take it, and all will subscribe. We would like for you to notify us when our subscriptions are out, for most of us have forgotten.

All the trouble and confusion which we had for some time after we organized, has subsided. I don't think we could wish for any better success than we are now having under the circumstances. I believe all of the Fraternities here are on tolerably friendly terms at present. The Chi Phis are our special friends. There are four recognized Fraternities here, viz: X. Φ ., A. T. Q., Φ . Δ . Θ ., and K. A. The S. A. Es. are here, sub rosa.

We began this session with twelve members. Bros. J. O. Tigner and S. H. Bassett have since returned to college. We have taken in only one more—Bro. McIntosh from Florida. We will be represented at the Commencement by Bro. Bassett of the Sophomore Class, and Bro. Hall of the Junior; and we will be also represented by Bro. McIntosh. We have no members in the Senior Class. Bro. S. H. Jones will be with us next session. Bro. Boykin is still farming, and we learn will soon take to himself a southern beauty. I think there are fine prospects for Alpha Tau Omega grandchildren.

We celebrated our first anniversary, the 16th of April, by an address from Bro. Bassett. After giving us a sketch of the short history of our chapter, he gave us an able address on "The True Glory of Young Men," which he delivered in a very eloquent manner. Our members are all devoted to the interests of the Fraternity, and will ever be ready to assist in anything that will

advance her cause.

The prospects of our Fraternity are simply fine. With best wishes and much love to all the chapters, I am

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

JOHN CONN, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

Editors Palm:—In accordance with your desire, this letter will be scarcely more than a resume of our year's growth. Pennsylvania Tau was instituted April 5, 1881, so that it is but little more

than a year since our Fraternity first came North.

We began this college year with but five men and little prospect of any more. Bro. Thomas, '81, who is now at Allentown, Pa., was the first initiate of the chapter, and Bro. Easby, '81, of Media, this State, came in soon afterwards. After quite a while Bros. Davis, '83, Welch and Smith, '84, were initiated. These were the five referred to. This was not a bright outlook, only five men and two of them about to leave college. However, before the beginning of the year, Bros. Hoopes, '84, Jones, '85, Scull, '85, and Ash, '83, had come in, and at the first meeting in the new year, Bro. Wiltberger, '85, was admitted. This is our list.

Although having as few men as any other Fraternity in college, we have one man, Bro. Davis, on the Junior crew, and Bro. Wiltberger is stroke of the Freshman crew, while none of the other Fraternities have more than one in all.

Our future is, of course, as yet indefinite. But if circumstances are as propitious next year as they have been in the past—and this we can reasonably expect—we will be able to take in three or four good men from the next Freshman class, besides another man in '85, who is pledged to us.

The Delta Beta Phi, alias Phi Tau Alpha, has been taken in by the Delta Phi—a Fraternity which at one time stood very high at the University, but which has not been represented here

for the past ten years.

In the last number of the *Palm* there was an extract from the organ of Beta Theta Pi, deprecating a too rapid growth. Such a suggestion, seconded by actual experience, should demand our earnest attention. And though I would not, for a moment, do or say anything to dampen the ardor which is at present manifesting itself, and though we have not, so far, gone amiss, yet much discretion is needful for our future increase.

The addresses of our men are:

H. N. Davis, 1444 N. Thirteenth street, Philadelphia.

Dorsey Ash, 3708 Spruce street, Philadelphia. B. Harvey Welch, 324 New street, Philadelphia. W. L. Hoopes, 1605 Girard Avenue, Philadelphia.

L. L. Smith, Media, Pennsylvania.

Jas. C. Jones, 641 N. Eighth street, Philadelphia.

Wm. C. Scull, 605 Cooper street, Camden, New Jersey. Fred. E. Wiltberger, 3906 Spruce street, Philadelphia.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

L. L. SMITH, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

Editors Palm:—I would like, in our second letter to the Palm, to report greater progress than I will be able to do. We have initiated, since the last issue, Mr. Wm. R. Brown, of Wytheville, Va. This will end our roll for the session, which is almost at its close. I understand that the Phi Delta Theta is to be reorganized soon, or has already been reorganized, although we have not seen any badge worn as yet; this makes the fourth Fraternity here. Our college has increased to the number of one hundred and twenty this year, which is thirteen more than were here last year. The prospects for the ensuing year are better still, which fact has increased our hopes for a good chapter next session.

Now, to sum up our progress, I will state that we were reorganized in October last, and have up to this time initiated seven members, two of whom have left college. We expect to begin next session with a very neat Hall and five members. This is Virginia Epsilon's work for this session.

Yours in A. T. Q.,
G. W. McCLINTIC, Correspondent.
GEORGIA ALPHA-BETA.

Editors Palm:—Last October, when the scattered flock of the Georgia Alpha-Beta Chapter reassembled, we could muster only six of the thirteen who had left at last Commencement. They were W. H. Little, W. A. Dodson, C. I. Groover, J. W. Bennet, D. J. Gaffney, and your Correspondent. Besides these we have two resident members in this city, viz: Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor First Baptist church, and Hon. H. H. Carlton, an able lawyer and prominent politician.

During the year we have initiated the following gentlemen: A. H. Cary, La Grange, Ga.; Sam'l H. Atkinson, Marietta, Ga.; R. N. Holland, Marietta, Ga.; J. E. Pottle, Warrenton, Ga.; A. L. Bishop, Athens, Ga.;—all of whom are full worthy the honors and privileges which every member of our Fraternity enjoys.

You will see that we now number eleven active members, of whom five are in the graduating class of this session. These are: W. H. Little, D. J. Gaffney, W. A. Dodson, J. H. Pitman, and C. I. Groover.

The appointment of Commencement speakers has not yet been made, but we have good reason to expect a fair proportion of those honors when the time comes. In the Champion Debate between the two Literary Societies, which takes place at Commencement, one of our men has been selected to represent the Demosthenian Society, whose last anniversary orator was also a wearer of the Maltese Cross.

The Georgia State Alumni Association will meet with this chapter at our next Commencement. After consulting with our

sister chapters, we have fixed the day on July 14th.

As this is the last chapter letter which I shall ever write to the *Palm*, I am going to give expression to my opinion upon the annoyance which Art. X, Sec. 3, of our Constitution has caused, not only our chapter, but (to our certain knowledge) all the chapters in this State. It causes a needless delay, which, during the last year, worked seriously to our disadvantage. At this institution, within two weeks after the opening of the session, all of the most desirable men have been chosen by the several Fraternities; and as all of them are small at

the beginning, it is necessary to increase their working force immediately. The alumni members keep their Fraternities well informed concerning the new men, so that there is scarcely ever any mistake made in their selection. Now, our Fraternity, by this article, is seriously hindered at the very beginning of the session, by the delay which frequently attends the return mails in complying with the requirements concerning initiation; and we want an amendment made. Let the *financial* requirements be the same, but let us not be compelled to wait until the candidate—unable to understand the delay—accepts some more pressing invitation.

We confidently expect the A. T. Q. badge to continue to glitter in the front rank of American College Fraternities, and they will all find Alpha Tau Omega to be not a hostile, but a generous

rival.

Editors Palm:—I wish to congratulate the Fraternity at large and the Palm in particular upon the handsome appearance the latter presented in its last issue. It is undoubtedly a creditable quarterly, and I hope that its support will be equal to its merit always. It is a pleasure to read it, and it should command the support of all.

Since my last letter we have had the misfortune to lose one of

the brightest ornaments of our chapter and the University.

Brother — has left us to take his place in the world, and our only consolation is the fact that he is now showing himself to be a useful and promising citizen, and will therefore reflect

just that much more credit on the Fraternity.

Our chapter has received no additions since I last wrote, and, though we may initiate one or more new members in the next month or two, there is no certainty, as we are proceeding warily and prefer losing ninety-nine good men to receiving one man who is not up to our standard. The work of receiving recognition from the Trustees of this institution is, I am sorry to say, proceeding very slowly, and I don't think we shall succeed in doing so till two or three years hence. The matter has been brought before the Board of Trustees by a member of the Faculty, but no action has been taken.

I judge from the tone of all the letters in the last number of the *Palm* that our prospects grow brighter and brighter, and I

trust that the next issue will confirm my hopes. Let our quiet prosperity here excuse the uninteresting nature of this communication.

Yours in A. T. Ω .

EVRAH, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-IOTA

Editors Palm: - With pleasure I again assume the duty of

Correspondent for the Palm.

Surrounded as we are by other Fraternities, a new Fraternity is always somewhat disparaged; men naturally feel an inclination to those that have had an existence in the institution for some time. These have been some of our disadvantages.

We are engaged at present fitting up our new Hall. This will be a great expense to us and require all the financial ability of our W. K. E. But with the generous aid on the part of the individual members, we hope soon to be able to furnish it in a

becoming manner.

As far as we know nine "Preps." have been initiated here, of which number Phi Gamma Delta has four, Chi Phi, three, and Alpha Tau Omega, two. Owing to our having been held up to ridicule by a sister Fraternity for initiating very young men, let me state here in defence that in no case have we gone beyond the class composed of candidates for Freshmen next year, while in our sister Fraternities this is not the case. The fact of the matter is, brother editors, that our securing these two brothers was a bitter pill for the gentleman to swallow who calls so loudly for a Pan-Hellenic council to adjust the "Prep." question. think the initiation of men in the Preparatory Department, who do not intend to enter college, would be a matter worthy of the above-named council's consideration. In justice to our chapter thus assailed, less could not be said and more need not be said, as jealousy was the underlying cause.

We have received quite a number of letters from different chapters and brothers, among which we find ——— Alpha-Delta, Michigan Alpha-Mu, Pennsylvania Alpha-Pi, ——— Alpha-Rho, Pennsylvania Tau, and New Jersey Alpha-Kappa, and from Brothers Dasher, Smith, Spruill and Steed.

We extend our love to all Alpha Taus, hoping to hear from them soon.

Yours in A. T. $\Omega_{\cdot \cdot}$

R. Morris Schmid, Correspondent.

- ALPHA-ETA.

Editors Palm:—For reasons which you well understand, our letter must needs be very brief. We have at present eight members, and will add two others to our number in a few days. Our chapter is firmly established and is indeed a success in every respect. We expect certainly to have a delegate at our next Congress, and hope that every chapter of our Order will be represented there.

Promising to do better the next time, I remain, Yours in A. T. Q.,

Correspondent.

ARKANSAS ALPHA-XI.

Editors Palm:—I am truly sorry to inform you of the true condition of affairs in this chapter. For two reasons we have been unable to make the success of it that we had hoped.

ist. The entire failure of crops last year makes money very scarce, and even the small amount necessary to run a chapter is difficult for us to get.

2d. Most of our students here are too young to become mem-

bers of a Fraternity.

Still we have organized and elected the following officers, viz: J. B. McDonough, W. M.; J. A. M. Lanier, W. C. and W. Sen.; C. K. Chanslor, W. K. of E.; R. W. McFarlane, W. S.; C. K. Chanslor, W. U.; and G. C. Shell, W. K. of A.

Our addresses in the order above named are: Charleston, Ark., Mountain Home, Ark.; Seligman, Mo.; Enterprise, Ark., and

Augusta, Ark.

We hope soon to initiate two men, and will do everything in our power to make a success of our chapter. If the condition of our University improves, and we have strong hopes that it will, there is every probability that A. T. Q. will gain a strong foothold here.

Our Worthy Master takes first honors of his Class this session. Yours in $A, T, \Omega_{\cdot\cdot}$

G. C. SHELL, Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY ALPHA-KAPPA.

Editors Palm:—We are glad to tell you that we are neither dead nor sleeping, but are quietly working to build up a chapter in our college which, we trust, will be superior in every way to

that of any other Fraternity in the college. Our number has been reduced by the departure of Bros. Haiman and Alexander. They were both forced to give up the course owing to serious

trouble with their eyes.

Bro. Oakley left at the end of the fall term. We have sworn in a new member; have sent his name on, and will initiate him at our next meeting. He will be with us next fall, when we will try to choose good members from the new students, and we hope to show those who have spread derogatory reports about us that we are not to be sneered at if we have been weak in numbers.

Chapters that grow up in a night are often short-lived; but those that feel their way along and take only such men as will be an honor to any society, will have a long and fruitful life. When we were organized nearly all the desirable men had either joined other Fraternities, or world not join any, which fact accounts for our number being small. We were sorry to hear of Bro. Glazebrook's continued ill-health, and hope to hear much better news of him from Europe. Hoping to be able to give you still better news of ourselves when I write again,

Yours in Λ. T. Q.,
M. S. HARLOW, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-ZETA.

Editors Palm:—Your letter, asking that the chapter letter be written at once, was duly received, and I should have sent it sooner, but have been waiting for the Speakers' places in the different classes to be decided, so that I might write you the result. Since my last letter we have added another brother to our number, but regret to say that Bro. Dasher, who was such an active and valuable member, devoting himself unselfishly to the interests of our chapter and Fraternity, has been compelled to leave college on account of his eyes. We hope he will be with us again next term.

Our record for the past session is highly satisfactory. We have been steadily establishing ourselves among the students and in the city. We are young yet and have few alumni brothers to work for us, or to lend us their influence, outside of the college. Yet we yield to no other Fraternity in college in strength, and can count in our ranks some of the noblest and brightest men in the institution. The other Fraternities here are strong and active, requiring the more energy and diligence on our part, and making our success the more creditable. We have been very successful in the Literary Societies, hold some of their most

important offices, and can claim some of their ablest members as Alpha Taus. We have taken an active part in college politics, and have been successful. It is a great pity that Secret Fraternities take such an active part in college politics. I know of no consummation more devoutly to be wished than that Fraternity lines might be obliterated during college elections. Nothing tends more to demoralize a Fraternity, nothing engenders greater strife and ill-feeling between rival Fraternities, nothing plants and cultivates more successfully the practice of "dirt throwing," or better promotes a bitter and profitless rivalry, and nothing is more deadly to the true spirit and mission of a Secret Fraternity, than the abuse, the bad passions, and enervating excitement and influence of a college election. I can only point out the evil and hope for a remedy. One might be devised at the proposed Pan-Hellenic Council. It can only be done by the united efforts of all the Fraternities.

We began this term with twelve members. Four of these left college at different times, so that we have only eight of our last year's brothers with us. We have initiated during the session ten new men, one of whom left college subsequently, though he will probably return next term. So that we now number seventeen men, and of that number eleven have received honors this session, as will be seen below.

Appended is a list of the new members, with their addresses,

and also a list of distinctions obtained by our brothers.

Initiates, 1881–'82: L. L. Campbell, Jacksonville, Ga.; Edward V. Baldy, Leesburg, Ga.; John F. Schofield, Macon, Ga.; James D. Chapman, Franklin, Ga.; Starr H. Rodgers, Macon, Ga.; William B. Birch, Macon, Ga.; Julian H. Evans, Sandersville, Ga.; George H. Logue, Gibson, Ga.; James M. Kelly, Hogansville,

Ga.; Thad. Parker, Macon, Ga.

Honors and Distinctions, 1881-'82: Of the Senior Class—C. P. Steed, 2d honor; W. S. Howell, 3d honor; R. E. Murrow, Speaker's place. Of the Junior Class—William B. Birch and Alba P. Perdue, Speakers' places. Of the Sophomore Class—James E. Powell and James D. Chapman, Speakers' places. Of the Freshman Class—Edward V. Baldy, James M. Kelly, and George H. Logue, Speakers' places. C. P. Steed, debater in public debate between the two societies, and in the "Champion Debate" between Mercer University and the University of Georgia. W. S. Howell, Anniversarian of the Phi Delta Society.

The above is our record for the year, and we think we need

not be ashamed of it.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

TENNESSEE ALPHA-TAU.

Editors Palm:—As Worthy Scribe of this chapter, it is my duty and pleasure to write the first letter from Tennessee Alpha-Tau to the Fraternity at large through the columns of the Palm. We are thoroughly organized now, and have already initiated one man, and in a few days will add yet another to our roll. The names and addresses of our charter members are: T. W. Gregory, West Point, Miss.; R. E. McAlpine, Taladega, Ala.; J. J. Anthony, Brownsville, Tenn.; D. D. C. Kennedy, Cornersville, Tenn.; and C. W. Trawick, Crystal Springs, Miss. Our Bro. Gregory has been elected first orator of our Debating Society. G. W. Nash is the name of our initiate, and his address is Stanton, Tenn.

With fraternal greetings to our various chapters, I am, Yours in A. T. Q.,

C. W. TRAWICK, Correspondent.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.

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[From R. P. HUNTER (Va. Beta, '67), Lawyer, Alexandria, La.]

Dear Brothers:—Your postal and the sample copy of the Palm came safely, but found me attending court in New Orleans. I cheerfully enclose the subscription price, and would have been a subscriber from the beginning had I had any knowledge of the enterprise. I still, and shall ever, cherish the memories of my happy college days at Lexington in 1867–68, and can never forget the A. T. Ω , and the brotherly love that did so much to make my sojourn there pleasant and worthy of grateful remembrance.

Eaton, Jack Clay, Clifton R. Breckinridge, Will Carson, John F. Jenkins, Theodore S. Wilkinson, Viley, Lee, Van Meter, Rodman, Percy, and others whose names now escape my recollection, were all members in attendance then, and I learn from the number of the *Palm* you sent me news of some of them for the first time since leaving college; and I read with great interest the memorial contributions on the death of our Brother Marshall.

You ask for my own history while at and since leaving college. I have already stated that I was at college in 1867–8. I left Lexington at the close of the session, returned home at this place; studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1869; married in 1870 and have had six children born unto us, of whom four (two boys and two girls) are now living. I have a fair practice and propose to devote myself entirely to my profession. I am living in the town of Alexandria, and the latch-string of my home hangs on the outside for any passing Alpha Tau, and the cosiest corner of my hearthstone is reserved for any brother whose fortunes may bring him hither.

Bro. Theodore S. Wilkinson is married, and is planting on the coast below New Orleans. I had the pleasure of seeing him the other day in New Orleans. Bro. John F. Jenkins is living near Natchez, Miss.; is married and doing well, as I learned from some acquaintances of his while in New Orleans. I do not know the whereabouts of any of the other old members, and am alone

in this section.

Fraternally,

ROBERT P. HUNTER.

P. S.—I have made the P. O. order for \$5. Send me back numbers if you can, and continue to send the *Palm*.

[From J. C. Winston (---- Alpha-Delta, '79), Dun Mercantile Agency, Richmond, Va.]

Dear Brother:—Your favor of 7th instant received.

I hand you herewith my subscription to the *Palm*. I regret that my negligence in this matter had to call forth a reminder from you, for I can assure you that I have never for a moment entertained a thought of discontinuing my subscription; on the contrary, I have been always anxious to see the *Palm* succeed, and shall always deem it a pleasure to do what I can to promote its success. I anxiously await the receipt of the next number. Yours fraternally,

JNO. C. WINSTON.

[From R. S. Turk (Va. Epsilon, '69), Lawyer, Huntersville, W. Va.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—The Palm leaf dropped from its bough upon my table a few days ago where it will always be welcome. I owe its editor an apology, perhaps, for not having earlier aided in advancing so elegant and useful a magazine; but when the feast was ready and the servants were sent forth to summon those who had been invited, I fell among the number who "with one accord began to make excuses." I had bought a yoke of oxen or something of that kind-I can't just now remember what, but any way I didn't and couldn't attend. I have received a second invitation, and will be found on hand this time at the appointed hour, and will be outdone by no member of all the company in welcoming the toast, "The Palm, Long may it wave!" Adversity's frosts, I trust, will never strip it of its leaves—certainly they cannot as long as the present gardener has charge of the comely plant and it finds space within the ample doors of his conservatory. I left the University of Virginia at the close of the session of 1874-5, and almost immediately located here, where my success in my profession, though not flattering, might have been worse. Enclosed find check for \$2, for which you will kindly send me the Palm for one year.

Yours truly,

R. S. Turk.

[From W. W. Kinzer (Va. Phi, '75), Clerk Long Island R. R., Long Island City, N. Y.]

Dear Bro. Anderson:—Please find herewith \$1.00, in payment of my subscription to the Palm, which I enjoy reading very much. Yours fraternally,

W. W. KINZER.

[From Maj. H. H. DINWIDDIE (Va. Alpha, '65), Prof. Chemistry and Physics, A. and M. College of Texas, College Station, Texas.]

My Dear Brother Anderson:—Your postal came a few days ago. I enclose my subscription for the Palm. I think you gave us rather more than our money's worth last year, and if you run short of funds in getting out the next volume I will try to come to your assistance. It is not fair that you should be subjected to loss of money after contributing to the common good of the Fraternity your time and an amount of enthusiam, without which the Order would now be as feeble as some languishing Greeks that are not so fortunate as we are in the possession of such a magazine with such an editor. You know this is the expression of my honest feeling in the matter and no flattery.

I fear it is too late for me to send you anything for the March

number. I will try to send you something before long.

In Brother Glazebrook's memorial of Marshall there is a slight error of fact which I have not had opportunity to mention to you before. It is the statement that M. was on the colors at New Market. He was in the battle and right at the front all the time, but not on the color guard.

It may interest you to know the following was the composition and order of the six who had the honor to stand immediately by

the flag of the V. M. I. an that day:

Front Rank—Dinwiddie, Evans, Royster.

Rear Rank—Brockenborough, Wood, J., James, J. G.

This is a small matter, and I do not write it for the purpose of making any public correction unless you choose to mention it.

Your postal calls for data for a revised catalogue. I will send

them soon, so far as regards myself.

Wishing you greater success in gaining the aid of every A. T. Q, in keeping the Palm ahead of all Fraternity papers,

I am affectionately and fraternally yours,

H. H. DINWIDDIE.

[From Move Wicks (Tenn. Nu, '71), Lawyer, Tucson, Arizona.]

Messrs. Editors:—I enclose \$1.00 as subscription for your

magazine.

I am glad to see that the *Palm* has been so successfully planted and hope that it may bear many "dates." I cherish a pleasant recollection of my old Fraternity, and believe that it has before it a bright future of usefulness.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

Moye Wicks.

[From Dr. C. S. HART (Va. Epsilon, '74), Physician and Surgeon, Lincoln, Neb.]

Dear Brothers:—Well, here I have been over a year now, and no chapter here yet; but the reasons are good. I wrote to Bro. Glazebrook about it, and I see by the Palm that he is in your city—so no doubt he has told you ere this.

I visited Omaha a few days ago, and while there called on Bro. George W. Darrow, and found him like all the other Alpha Taus whom I have met—a wholesouled fellow, and one who will be a

true friend and brother to all A. Ts.

He is spoken of as being one of the finest young men in Omaha; he has charge of one of the largest and finest dry goods houses in the city, that of S. P. Morse & Co. I only wish we had more Alpha Taus in this country.

My partner and I received the appointment of Surgeons to the B. and M. R. R. in Nebraska, and its leased lines at this place.

It will eventually be a nice thing for us.

I have also received the appointment of Pension Examiner

from the Government.

I can think of no more news which will be of interest to you, but can say that I think as soon as the University dispute is settled that I will have some good material to work upon.

Bro. Darrow has promised to visit me, and I will have him look

over the ground with me.

Enclosed find P. O. order for \$1.00, subscription to the *Palm*. Excuse haste; write soon.

Your brother,

CHAS. S. HART.

From Rev. H. B. LEE (Va. Beta, '71), Rector Leeds Episcopal Church, Markham Station, Va.]

Dear Brothers:—I enclose \$1. Am glad that the Palm is thus secured to me for another year. I mean to have it until one or the other of us dies—if I can raise the dollar to pay for it. I am pleased to find a letter in the present number from Bro. S. H. Chester. From various college-mates I have enquired his whereabouts, but all had lost sight of him. He must be buried in the "backwoods of North Carolina," as no one ever sees him. I suppose Hugh Heiskell and Frank Waddill are still in the land of the living, as he calls for "remarks" from them.

I have a badge given me by dear Bro. Waddill; H. B. Lee, Jr., wears it on grand occasions when I want him to look his best. I hope some day he may go to W. and L. University; if so, I

trust he may be found worthy to wear it in his own right.

Possibly he may meet "Frank Waddill, Jr.," there, then this

badge will be a bond of union between them.

If I can raise the money and can spare the time, I mean to brush up my "wedding suit" (it's nearly five years old, but Mrs. H. B. can take the spots out of it), shine up my beaver (same age as wedding suit), and take a trip to Lexington this summer about Commencement time. I suppose many of the old students will be there. I will rejoice to meet those I used to know.

I wish the *Palm* came every month; I get tired waiting for its quarterly visits. It is thoroughly enjoyed when it arrives. It came very near making me lose a chance for putting in my peas and onions. I was so anxious to read it that I was tempted to put off for another day attending to the important matter referred to, which, had I done, my chances for getting them in would have been poor, as a hard rain has made the ground too wet for gardening. Moral—Business first and pleasure afterwards.

You will see that I am married, have a son, and am keeping house "on my own hook." Are Chester, Waddill, Heiskell, &c.,

doing as well?

Faithfully yours,

H. B. LEE.

P. S.—Are you not mistaken about G. T. Lee being dead? I am of the opinion that he is living, and that he is at his home in Powhatan county.

[From A. K. Phillips, Jr. (Va. Delta, '80), Merchant, Fredericksburg, Va.]

Dear Brothers:—Your card of 7th inst. to hand. Enclosed you will find \$1, amount of subscription to the Palm. I regret having overlooked it.

Yours in A. T. Ω .

A. K. PHILLIPS, JR.

[From Hon. Thos. G. Hayes (Va. Alpha, '65), Lawyer, Baltimore, Md., Worthy Grand Chief.]

My Dear Brother:—* * * * Let me again mention a matter which I have mentioned before. To-day the Fraternity is in a better condition than ever before. It has more chapters and more money than ever before. And what are the agencies that have brought about this healthy condition? One of them is the Palm. I know this better perhaps than any one else by reason of my official communication with the chapters.

I mention this to you for two reasons, to-wit: first, to encourage you in your laborious efforts as editor-in-chief; and secondly,

to announce my unalterable determination to aid in having the Fraternity decide to make the *Palm* a fixture.

I enclose my subscription.

Your brother,

THOS. G. HAYES.

[From W. A. Bobbitt (N. C. Xi, '72), Leaf Tobacco Broker, Oxford, N. C.]

Dear Sir and Bro.:—Your favor of 20th to hand; glad to hear from you. In reply would say, I have never received a copy of the Palm since the April (1881) No. Would be pleased if you would send me the back numbers. I will try to contribute to the pages of the Palm if possible. Enclosed please find \$1.00 for Bro. (Dr.) T. B. Williams; I think that is the subscription price. I do not recollect when my term runs out; will remit again when it does, as I wish you to continue my name. I visit Richmond several times during the year and will call when I come again.

Fraternally, &c.,

W. A. Bobbitt.

[From Wm. W. Carson (Va. Beta, '66), Prof. Mathematics, Davidson College, N. C.]

Dear Bro. Anderson:—I enclose \$1.00, my subscription to the Palm. I consider it a necessity to the Fraternity, and I hope that it may always meet with a liberal support. I want to use its columns now to suggest a new departure to the Fraternity.

It is a well known fact that our Fraternity finds it difficult to maintain its chapter organizations except in institutions of learning. The recent rapid growth of the various benevolent associations, notably the Knights of Honor, shows that there is a tie strong enough to bind men together after the badge has lost its charms. I think we can turn this experience of others to the profit of our Fraternity, both as a body and as individuals. I suggest, then, that our next Congress consider the propriety (and also the ways and means) of paying a small amount, say one thousand dollars, to the heirs of each of our members who shall die hereafter. And I also suggest that in the meanwhile the delegates study the workings of the different Mutual Life Assurance Societies within their reach, so that they shall be prepared to legislate intelligently in the matter.

Yours fraternally,

WM. W. CARSON.

[From Dr. James L. Minor (Va. Delta, 74), Physician and Surgeon, 233 Madison Avenue, New York.]

Dear Brother:—Your postal and the March number of the Palm were received a few days ago. Enclosed please find one dollar for a year's subscription to the journal; and accept my warmest congratulations upon the success which has attended your efforts, in establishing an official organ, which shall at the same time disseminate our principles and cement our union throughout the country. With best wishes for the continued success of the Palm, and kindest regards for yourself, I remain, Fraternally yours,

JAMES L. MINOR.

[From Archie McDonnell, Jr. (Va. Delta, '72), Lawyer, Huntsville, Ala.]

Dear Brother:—I enclose one dollar—subscription to the Palm for one year. At this time I am somewhat uncertain as to my movements and business plans for the near future. But for this reason I should certainly have you insert my law card in the Palm at once, as I hope to be able to do soon, if I can get settled down to work. As to your request for contributions to the Palm, I beg leave to state that until the appearance of the Palm I was so completely cut off from A. T. Q. associations that I had become (and still am) very far behind in a knowledge of the workings of the Fraternity. So, I am merely a seeker. With earnest hopes for the success of the Palm and of the Fraternity, I am, Yours in A. T. Q_{ij}

A. McDonnell, Jr.

[From F. A. Berlin (Va. Beta, '65), Lawyer, 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.]

Dear Brother:—Enclosed you will find P. O. money order for three dollars (\$3) which I believe pays for the Palm and my professional card in the same.

Brother Manson left here a few days ago to make a visit to his home in Virginia. He will doubtless see you before his return.

I think we are about to succeed in establishing our chapter at ———, with first-class young men who will give us a good standing. We are moving slowly and cautiously, and I feel that our success will justify our prudence. I will write you when matters are definitely settled.

Yours fraternally,

F. A. BERLIN.

[From Walter H. Page (N. C. Xi, '72), Editorial Staff of The World, New York.]

My Dear Brother Anderson:—

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The Palm, bless it and you, it's better and better. Hang the dollar I owe it, I'll give it \$20 if I ever get 'em. And I see in it that Glazebrook is at your house. How I envy you! And how I reproach myself, too! I was in New York, must have been here, several weeks before he went away. At first I thought it possible that he was here and made up my mind to find him out. Then I didn't know where he was; and by the time I found out, I supposed, of course, he was gone. I shall never cease to regret my stupidity and sloth. What would I have given to have seen him, and later, after my wife and baby came here, to have had him at my house! I hate to think of my stupidity. If he is still with you, give him my very best love. God bless the dear fellow! I hope he is in a fair way to complete recovery.

Well-oh, yes, I had made up my mind to write you a long letter; but now I have said what I had to say about Glazebrook, I find I have nothing else to say. What shall I say? Could I induce you to buy a bigger waste basket and to throw such letters as Renick and Long wrote about me into it, I'd do anything. I like them and appreciate their liking for me. But why should I be made notorious in the Palm? Can't you improve it in that particular. All the A. T's. can't take the same interest in me that those good fellows who love my weaknesses take, and I fear they will get tired of it and care less for me than if they had never heard anything. By the way, —————————— sat down as soon as he read the Palm and wrote me the kindest letter one ever read. I don't know what I have enjoyed more for a long, long time. Strike him where and how you may and you strike a man. The fellow has a character so true and frank, and so manly withal, that it makes life gladder to know him. It is such men as he,-and so many of our men are as good as he, every one in his own way (none just like him, however)—that makes me a more enthusiastic Alpha Tau every day.

There are a lot of fellows here in New York I know, but I can't ever look 'em up. I keep thinking I will try; but I am so busy. The irons I have in the fire are more than one smith can strike. But I'll try to find them out some day. They might come to see me. They are young and can run about easily. I'm

not on my dignity, but on my business and my laziness.

Now about my writing something for the *Palm*. I have not written simply because I didn't know what to write. I write for my bread, it is true, but I can't manufacture anything: I must

have some reason for writing. But an idea has struck me and you shall have it. I've a notion to * * * * *

You've hitched Stokes up I see, and your editorial team goes tandem, I fancy. It's both a good and a gay one. I'm proud to ride behind it for \$1 a year; if you get low in purse again make it \$2. By the way, I, being too poor to be forthright charitable, and wishing to do what I can, have been wondering what I could advertise for in the *Palm*. I don't want clients, I've nothing to sell and am unable to buy anything; so that really I am not an advertising person. But this—what would it cost and how would it do?

WALTER H. PAGE,
NEW YORK WORLD,
A. T. A. T.,
Desires to see the Fellows whenever they come to
tf.

That's what I want, but I don't know whether 'twould do or

not. How does it strike you?

Somebody told me that Stokes had a notion of going to Wyoming, I think it was, to grow wheat or sheep or something of that sort. I'm glad he didn't go. He'd better stay where he is and make a fine old-fashioned Virginia lawyer—just what he will do, I take it. Where is McGuire?

Don't forget to write me just how Glazebrook is; and I know you won't forget to give him my love. As for yourself, you

know I am

Always yours,

WALTER H. PAGE.

[From J. T. CALDWELL (Va. Beta, '70), Farmer, Campbellsville, Ky.]

Dear Brother:—I was very agreeably surprised on receiving recently a specimen copy of the Alpha Tau Omega Palm, the official journal of the Fraternity. I say surprised, because, although I had noticed the action of our Congress in reference to the publishing of an official organ, yet it had passed out of my mind. It afforded me great pleasure to see letters from so many of our alumni, and to note the interest manifested in the Fraternity. It has not been my good fortune to meet with a great many Alpha Taus since leaving college, and so you will see that I am in a position to appreciate to the fullest extent the benefits arising from a perusal of the Palm, and hence your enterprise has my heartiest sympathy.

Enclosed please find one dollar for subscription.

I notice that we have in several of the states State Alumni Associations. Why cannot we have one in Kentucky? No doubt there are many brothers scattered thoughout the state who would gladly enter into a movement of the kind.

For the benefit of the catalogue I will state that since leaving college I have married, and have been actively engaged in farming. Have no special achievement to chronicle in that line, but hope to be able to keep abreast with the progressive enterprise of the age.

With best wishes for the Palm, I am, Yours in A. T. Q.

JAMES THOMAS CALDWELL.

[From James R. Kemper (Va. Rho, '74), Stock Raiser, Fishersville, Va.]

Dear Brother: - Your card just at hand. My former postoffice was Cross Keys, Rockingham county, and your card was forwarded me here. I attended Bethel Military Academy during the sessions of 1873-4 and 1874-5. The Va. Rho Chapter was formed there during the session of '73-4, and I connected myself with the chapter soon after its organization. The chapter flourished and at the close of session we had eighteen active members. Our final parting was at a banquet given by the chapter to its members at the Warren Green Hotel, Warrenton, Va., in June, '74. The following year but few of the members returned, and our chapter only contained six members, as we regarded quality and not quantity. At the close of session of '74-5, we thought it best to discontinue our chapter, as we were not willing to risk its reputation into the hands of those who would be likely to return the next year. I have photographs of all the members of the chapter, with the exception of Brother George Turner, who left before his could be gotten. I went into the mercantile business at Cross Keys after leaving school, and continued in that business until '78, when I married and came to live on a farm in this county—my present home. I would just state my standing in the corps at Bethel. I was first promoted to orderly sergeant, and then to adjutant, and now hold an adjutant's commission from that school. I deal principally in stock-keep several hundred sheep and twenty to forty head of cattle. Am doing very well. I know but very little positively about the members of my chapter. J. S. Strayer is married and, I think, in Rockingham county; S. F. Graves is married and living in Madison county; J. E. Edmunds went to Texas; W. B. Settle, I think, is in Missouri; Kimball, I think, is in Jefferson county, West, Va. Poor Thos. P. Crawford, of this county, is dead-a very bright and promising young man. I have lost sight of most of our boys and it would give me great pleasure to receive the catalogue which you speak of publishing, and also to become a subscriber to the Alpha Tau Omega Palm, and I hope you will send me a copy of it at once, as I have never received the one you spoke of sending. Any further information I can give will be cheerfully given.

I remain, fraternally yours,

JAMES R. KEMPER.

[From H. L. GALLAHER, JR. (Va. Beta, '71), Farmer, Waynesboro', Va.]

My Dear Bro. Anderson:—I wrote you a postal yesterday, saying I would remit in a few days my subscription for the Palm. I have just seen Bro. R. Frank Davis, and having mentioned the contents of your postal to him, he gave me \$1.00 to renew his subscription, which I enclose. Please send Palm to Dr. R. Frank Davis, Hermitage, Augusta county, Va. I enclose \$3.00 to pay for one year's subscription—\$1.00 for the Irby Fund, and \$1.00 for the expenses of the Palm, or, if not needed, please place with the other dollar in Irby Fund. You put it where it will do the most good. Hope sincerely the Irby Fund will prove a success, for we had no better brother than J. R. McD. Irby, and we ought by all means to keep his family from want. I am ready and willing to contribute my mite, and only regret not being able to do more.

With my best wishes for the success of Alpha Tau Omega, I am, Fraternally yours,

HUGH L. GALLAHER, JR.

[From C. E. Waldran (Tenn. Lambda, '69), Iron Manufacturer, Memphis, Tenn.]

Dear Brother:—Herewith I enclose postal order for \$1.12, for which please send me the Palm and a copy of Bro. Eaton's address on "Ideals." Tennessee Lambda made me an A. T. Q. in 1869. I studied with the view of following some profession, but a lack of means made me spoil a poor professional man, to make a fair iron manufacturer, I hope.

With my best wishes for the success of the *Palm*, I am, Yours fraternally,

CHAS. E. WALDRAN.

P. S. Bro. W. T. Brock, of Florence, Ala., was recently killed while trying to make a collection for a client.

[From Dr. C. Deaderick (Va. Beta, '66), Physician and Surgeon, Knoxville, Tenn]

Dear Brother:—I enclose \$1.00 subscription to the Palm for

one year.

I received my education at Washington and Lee University, entering during the winter of 1865–'6, and continuing there three and a half years. After leaving the University I studied medicine and surgery, graduating at the University of Pennsylvania in 1871. I came back to Knoxville, my native place, and have made a success as a practitioner of medicine.

Yours very truly,

C. Deaderick.

MEMORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM ARCHER LANGHORNE.

(Virginia Alpha, '69.)

William Archer Langhorne, second son of William H. and Mary E. Langhorne, was born in Lynchburg, Va., on the 10th day of March, 1850. As a child he was delicate and frail. At an early age he evinced many manly qualities, politeness being the ruling characteristic of his life. "As polite as William Langhorne," became a by-word amongst his friends. A short time before he left his home for the last time, he dined by invitation on Christmas day at the house of a friend. When he had left the parlor, his hostess remarked, "He is the same elegant, polite Willie Langhorne as of old"; her husband replied, "He deserves no credit, for he never knew how to be otherwise." His childhood was passed in his native city, among loving and admiring friends who were ever proud of his deportment. In August, 1867, he entered the Virginia Military Institute, and, although his education had been to some extent interrupted by the war, he was, after a rigid examination, declared proficient to enter the Third Class. He was regularly advanced each year, passing all examinations with credit to himself and his professors. For two years and a half he performed all the duties of his cadet life faithfully, being respected and beloved by all his comrades. Early in his Second Class year he was taken into the fraternal embrace of the Virginia Alpha Chapter, of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, which had been organized there, and as a member of the same he was distinguished as a zealous and faithful worker, devoting much of his time to its interests and perpetuation. After having successfully passed his semi-annual examination as a "First Classman;" his health was so impaired

that he was granted an unlimited furlough. After remaining at his home about six weeks, he had recuperated sufficiently to return to his duties, and he graduated with his class July 4th, 1870.

Two months later we find him again at his Alma Mater, Acting Assistant Professor of Languages, and, at the same time pursuing a post graduate course in the Special School of Engineering and Applied Science. He remained at the Institute until the spring of '71, when circumstances compelled his return to the bosom of his father's family where he remained about five months, giving himself up entirely to the interests of his devoted parents and no less devoted brothers and sisters. Receiving a flattering offer, in September he went to New Orleans, and after engaging in mercantile pursuits for two years, making for himself the while hosts of friends and admirers in that city, he accepted a position on an Engineering Corps and soon had entire charge of an important survey of the Atchfalaya River, with a view to the improvement of its navigation. This charge he fulfilled conscientiously, and to the entire satisfaction of his employers, but, alas, at what a cost to himself and his friends! for there it was that he contracted from the pestilential air, that disease, so often fatal to one of delicate constitution and weak lungs. After spending eight months in this position, he again returned to the arms of his loved ones who had meantime removed their home to Appomattox county. Once more in Virginia, his health seemed to improve rapidly, and in the spring of '75, considering that his duty called him and being ever ready to obey, in spite of the earnest entreaties of friends, he went to the swamps of Mississippi, where, in a very short time he was taken with malarial fever, and though he battled bravely against it, was so far overpowered that in November he was obliged to abandon his work and return to the home of his family. He succeeded in reaching it the mere shadow of his former self. There he was tenderly nursed by loving hearts and willing hands, and all that devoted mother, sisters, and friends

could do, was done, to bring their loved one back to health! but, in spite of all their love and tender ministrations, and the best medical attention, Willie passed from earth on the evening of the 31st of January, 1876. He died in the faith of the Episcopal Church, having been confirmed by the Right Rev. F. M. Whittle, D. D., whilst a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute, with many others of his comrades. William Langhorne was striking in appearance; he was over six feet tall, and yet his every movement was graceful. His manners, in their ease and elegance, made him courted and admired by all. None knew him, however, as he was known in his home circle, -so gentle and loving to his brothers and sisters, so dutiful and respectful to his parents; surely Willie Langhorne came as near attaining perfection as is possible in this world. The evening of his death, he was thought to be better, and some hope was entertained that a life upon which hung the happiness of so many, would be spared. A sister telling him this, he replied in a cheerful tone, "Your doctors know nothing of Southern malaria." A few hours later, "the stern messenger with his icy fingers" came, and a friend who was present cried out, "Langhorne, you are dying." He replied with a smile that death had no terrors for him. Just then his physician, who had been hastily summoned, entered his room, and, with a wave of his hand he said, "Good evening, Doctor," not even in death forgetting his politeness

Often during the last weeks of his life he would exclaim, "Merciful Father, when will the crooked be made straight?" Among his papers were found two pieces of poetry which gave to the exclamation much greater significance than those who had heard it so often understood at the time.

His remains were taken to his native city and tenderly laid away in consecrated ground by the side of four brothers and a sister who had preceded him to their eternal home above. We doubt not that his prayer was heard and that the Merciful Father has made the crooked straight.

We append extracts from an obituary written soon after his death, by an intimate friend living in New Orleans:

"Could worth avail, or polished manners save,

"Then, Will, would not have sunk untimely to the grave."

"The grave which holds the casket we are apt to clothe with horror, forgetful that the body, like a cast-off garment, will soon turn to mould; whilst the spiritual body, the immortal spiritual body, the counterpart of the mouldering form we laid in the grave, is a sentient being filled with new thought, larger intelligence, and nobler views of the Great Ruler of the Universe. St. Paul says, 'There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body, the one is sown in corruption, the other is raised in incorruption.' 'The mortal must put on immortality.' Fortified thus by Holy Writ, we do not look upon our friend as dead in the ordinary acceptation of the idea. William A. Langhorne lives an immortal man, progressing forever in the realms of intellect.

"The writer who knew him from infancy to manhood, loved him as a son, was proud of him, and was ever the recipient of his confidences; and although age had shown its presence by grey hairs, and diminished lustre of eye, in the one, yet companionship was close between the writer and his young friend Will. The number of his friends who keep alive pure friendship for him, will bear testimony to his worth as a man. His parents and his brothers and sisters can never forget his devotion to them as a son and brother; the spirit of self-abnegation which led him to seek their happiness, their welfare, is rarely found in the world. A son who can forego as he did the pleasures of youth to minister to the welfare of his parents is more deserving of a monument in this age of brass than the conqueror of his fellow man, who, led by ambition, yields to cruelty, sacrificing a hecatomb on its altar.

"'The evil that men do lives after them; the good is often interred with their bones.' The good that Will did lives enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him best; he had no evil, for a purer spirit never lived than William Archer Langhorne."

NECROLOGY.

Alfred Marshall (Va. Alpha).

J. C. J. Clay (Va. Beta).

T. W. Bond (Ky. Omicron).

Stephen Ranney (Ky. Mu).

J. L. Brower (N. C. Xi).

J. W. Whitfield (Ky. Omicron).

W. K. Smith (Ky. Mu).

J. A. Shaw (N. C. Xi).

Saunders Irby (Va. Delta).

T. G. Ivie (Tenn. Iota).

J. G. Blackmon (N. C. Xi).

B. A. Gray (Va. Delta).

T. W. Currin (Tenn. Iota).

W. S. Stephens (Tenn. Lambda).

D. T. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).

Walter T. Jones (—— Alpha-Delta).

John M. Armstrong (Va. Epsilon).

George Watson (Va. Alpha).

C. A. Ellett (Va. Alpha).

T. P. Crawford (Va. Rho).

George C. Humes (Va. Delta).

R. C. Ballentine (Va. Delta).

P. H. Lightfoot (Va. Alpha).

W. A. Langhorne (Va. Alpha).

T. H. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).

Alpha). P. H. Clarke (

Isaac Paul (Va. Eta).

W. M. Reed (Tenn. Iota).

Samuel Hill (Tenn. Gamma).

E. G. McClanahan (Tenn. Theta).

E. D. Wooley (N. C. Xi).

Vernon Via (Va. Delta).

Frank W. Walker (Va. Alpha).

W. T. Burdett (Va. Delta).

T. C. Lumpkin (Tenn. Lambda).

T. B. Edmiston (W. Va. Zeta).

A. O. Battle (Tenn. Lambda).

D. C. McKay (Ky. Mu).

J. C. Kinckle (Va. Beta).

J. R. McD. Irby (Va. Delta).

J. A. Crichton (Va. Alpha).

E. C. Mix (Va. Epsilon).

E. D. Campbell (Va. Beta).

W. B. Seawell, Jr. (Ky. Mu).

B. F. Atkinson (Ala. A. E.).

John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta).

Adrian Fleming (N. C. Xi).

John C. Janney (Va. Epsilon). Gilbert D. Wilkinson (Va. Delta).

P. H. Clarke (Va. Delta).

W. T. Brock (Tenn. Lambda).

A. Strachan Jones (Va. Beta).

NOTE.—The members whose names are found in the above list have been reported to our WORTHY GRAND KERPER OF ANNALS as deceased; but the particulars as to the time, place or cause of death are known in the case of only a few of them. Members and others who possess such information, or who know of other cases of death among the members of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY are earnestly requested to correspond with the Editors of this Journal—to the end that we may add to our other Annals a full and accurate register of our Dead.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

KIND WORDS FROM OTHER GREEKS.

[From the Chi Phi Quarterly.]

The A. T. Q. Palm completed its first volume last November, having giving more matter than any other journal issued. It appeared regularly every two months, and was always noted for the fairness with which it acted towards rivals. In fact, it was one of our most welcome exchanges, always bringing lots of news from the sunny South, and more recently, too, from some parts of the North. The place of publication is Richmond, Va. The initial number of the new volume has just made its appearance, and is fully up to the standard. The journal has had a wonderfully good effect in extending the Fraternity throughout our Northern colleges. Hereafter, only four numbers will appear in a year.

[From The Phi Gamma Delta.]

A. T. Q. has established fourteen chapters in twelve months. We know of no other Fraternity which can show as good a record. A. T. Q. has been showing a wonderful activity of late in every respect. The last number of $The\ Palm$ is full of interesting matter. Much is culled from other journals, but it is none the less readable on this account. Perhaps no other Fraternity paper shows such a diversity in its contents, and none furnish as much reading matter. The March number contains some eighty-eight pages. At this rate the five numbers of the year will make a volume of between four and five hundred pages.

[From The Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.]

The founding of fourteen chapters in one year has hitherto been an unheard of feat in the history of Fraternities; but $A. T. \Omega$, has accomplished this, and it does not appear strange when we look at the last number of the Palm. There is not an uninteresting page to be found in the whole number. It makes a first-class campaign document, and, armed with the Palm, an enthusiastic Alpha Tau has arguments hard to overthrow. Of course we have seen with amazement the wonderful progress of this Fraternity. Whether all these chapters have been founded with

the truest wisdom time alone can tell. The two rapid extension of a Fraternity is open to the great danger of taking men whose interest soon dies away, and leaves the chapter in a languishing condition. We sincerely hope that A. T. Q. has avoided all such dangers, and that she has come North to stay. We welcome her as a most worthy competitor.

[From J. H. Cromwell, Esq., Assistant Editor of The Chi Phi Quarterly]

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the Palm for

March, '82, for which I thank you very much.

Please allow me to congratulate you and your brothers upon having one of the largest, neatest and best official organs it has yet been my pleasure to see. The fullness of your chapter reports and number of Alumni letters certainly can be excelled by none, and I have been unable to find anything in your *Palm* which I should have been ashamed of in our *Quarterly*.

With best wishes for you and all your brothers,

I remain most truly yours, &c.

THE GREEK PRESS.

Extract from letter of Prof. Frieze, President of the University of Michigan.

[The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi.]

"The question has often been discussed in and out of college, whether secret Fraternities are a good or an evil, whether they have a raison d'etre. On the whole I think they have justified their creation, and, if I have any doubt in regard to the others, or any of them, I certainly have none in regard to Alpha Delta Phi. I am sure that no association can be found in our country, whether of college-bred men, or of any other antecedents and relations, which can bear inspection and scrutiny in respect to the general moral and intellectual character of its members, with greater certainty of a favorable and honorable verdict than our Brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi."

Fraternity Song Books.

[The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.]

"During the last decade the Greek letter fraternities have added to their popularity by using songs distinctively their own. The first effort of Phi Delta Theta in publishing her songs was at the Crawfordsville convention in 1874, when some half dozen songs

were printed in sheet form. Since then she has published two editions of song books and claims now to have songs second to none. Among the other fraternities who have song books are the Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Psi Upsilon, the latter having published seven editions, and Alpha Delta Phi with nine editions. Discussions are now pending in Beta Pheta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Delta Tau Delta for song books, and no doubt their next conventions will take steps towards immediate publication."

The Pan-Hellenic Council.

[Beta Theta Pi.]

"There is every reason to believe that the projected pan-hellenic council will pan out. The idea meets with universal favor among fraternity men. A circular has been sent around for the signatures of editors of the several fraternity journals, and other officials, asking the conventions to appoint each a member of a committee of arrangements for such a council. If the conventions accede to the request as generally as it is expected they will, the committee can meet at least by the holidays and prepare a full report for the action of the several conventions of '83. Then, the following year, if all goes well—in the year 1884—we may be treated to the spectacle of an ecumenical conference of the Greek-letter societies, assembled to discuss the common interests and promote the common welfare of the fraternity world. We hope much from the plan, and give it our hearty support."

A Pan-Hellenic Council.

[The Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.]

"Quite a number of the leading Fraternity journals, for some time past, have been agitating the subject of a Pan-Hellenic Council. The *Crescent* published an article in the January number, over the signature of H. S. L., making a few suggestions on this subject; but since then she has been silent about the matter, not because she was disinterested in the matter, by any means, for Delta Tau Delta is heartily in sympathy with such a scheme, and will do all in her power to bring about such a project. This "Pan-Hellenic Council" would be of incalculable value to the Greek college fraternities by bringing together representatives of all the different Fratenities for the purpose of discussing all subjects that would naturally be of interest to the Greeks. Not only would it do this, but it would, in a great measure, do away with

the rivalry that at present exists among some of the Fraternities, and bring about a good feeling that does not now exist. It would also assist greatly in removing the barrier which Fraternities often have to contend with in entering some of our colleges where secret societies are forbidden. We are glad to notice the great interest manifested by such journals as the Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Shield, Star and Crescent, and others. Of course, as has been said, such a project cannot be completed in a short time; it will take, perhaps, one or two years to make all necessary arrangements for such a convention; but the scheme would be of such benefit that it is worth while to put forth every effort to bring about this council, which can result in nothing but great good. But, even then, we may not be able to get all the Fraternities interested, perhaps only those that publish journals, but let the different Fraternities appoint committees to confer with each other about making arrangements for the time and place of holding this council, and each Fraternity should make a list of subjects for discussion, which it thinks would naturally be brought before such a body of men. We hope the time is not far distant when this council shall meet for the interchange of ideas on all Fraternity subjects and for mutual good."

Brotherhood and Good-Fellowship the Primary Idea of the True College Fraternity.

[The Chi Phi Quarterly.

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"The primary idea of the true college fraternity is not to supplant the literary societies, nor to encroach within the limits of college politics, but to be the complement of the college curriculum. In other words, to answer the social wants of the young man, who, leaving home and friends, goes forth to enter upon a new life amongst a band of strangers, intent upon the pursuit of knowledge. In this sense, it is often the bright oasis, to which he may look back with pleasure when the journey has been completed.

"This was the idea mainly cherished in the organization of Chi Phi. And the Fraternity to-day is but the revival of the Fraternity of years ago, under new and broader conditions of usefulness, perhaps, but with the two principles of brotherhood and good-fellowship supporting either side of an arch, the keystone of which is hidden beneath those mystic symbols X. Φ . Thus sealed, it becomes strong beyond all power of destruction.

"True, the idea has been perverted and abused. Not only individual chapters, but entire fraternities, have resorted to cliques,

at times disreputable ones, to maintain an outward supremacy. Others have made scholarship the basis of their workings; and the result is that internal harmony ceases to prevail, and dissensions break the chapter asunder. This result was plainly seen but a short time ago, when one of the most hopeful chapters of a prosperous fraternity was rent in twain by neglecting to have primary regard to these two factors. Brotherhood and good-fellowship, then, are the prime requisites to the success of a chapter or fraternity, as over against clique and scholarship.

"Nor can we, when once within the pale, have too much regard to our own individual conduct, as affecting the reputation of the chapter and fraternity with which we have allied ourselves. Good conduct before the world will secure to us the esteem of the wise and virtuous. The example we show will have an important influence for good or ill. Truth and virtue are ever admired, even by the 'bad; falsehood and vice are despicable, even to those who practice them. In our relationship with one another we must be honest, and in all our dealings we should avoid every appearance of evil, remembering that the fraternal relationship is one around which cluster the best feelings of our nature; and he who becomes duly impressed with a sense of the obligations of this relationship can neither be controlled by selfishness nor indifference."

The College Fraternity Necessarily Secret.

[The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.]

"Was there ever an organization or agreement entered into which resulted in success, that some portions of its working were not kept secret? The object and purpose for which it was formed may not be, but are the object and purpose of college secret

fraternities kept secret? Certainly not.

"Is mankind in general so reticent and trustworthy that it may, with any hope of success, be entrusted with the detailed minutiæ of such organization? When a great commercial or political corporation is formed, do its managers scatter broadcast every particular of its organization, so that they may be known to every professional thief and political rake in the land? Who but those who hold very dear the interests of such organization are allowed to know its detailed workings? Again, are there not many things which pass between husband and wife which it would be no disgrace for the world to know, yet it is necessary for their happiness and success that such should be kept private,

which is equivalent to secret, and who dares say that this is wrong? indeed, were it otherwise, this sacred agreement, entered into with the sanction of Divinity, would come to naught.

"Must not a tree be judged by its fruits, and is not a commercial or other organization judged as to its value by its effects upon the world? And should we not judge college fraternites upon the same basis? Certainly no objection can be found here, for how many college graduates, who are eminent in the affairs of our country, are members of secret fraternities? At least five-sixths; and a large majority of the remaining one-sixth would have been, had they had an opportunity.

"In cultivated society, who is it that occupies the highest place? Is it not the young man who was, while in college, active in fraternity affairs? He does not occupy this position by virtue of his being a fraternity man alone, but is entitled to it because

such is the kind of man wanted by a fraternity.

"Were the world composed of saints, it might do to entrust it with everything; but such is not the case, and we must adapt

ourselves to affairs as they actually exist.

"What is the grand motive that characterizes every undertaking? Is it not the desire for success; and who can prove that secrecy, to some extent at least, is not necessary to the attainment of that success?

"A man, by becoming a member of a fraternity, does not exclude himself from the society of those who are not members of that fraternity, but continues to associate with them as before. The period at which a college franternity is most useful is during the college life of a young man. It is then that he has arrived at the stage where, from his very nature, he seeks the formation of friendships, and it is in the fraternity that he finds those intimate friends in whom he can confide, and who understand and do not misinterpret his actions—friends who guide and restrain him. It is there that his nature is as the twig sprung from the acorn; swayed by every breeze, it may be turned from its full development to a gnarled and knotted shrub. It is there that impressions once engrafted are never forgotten; and a nature which would otherwise have been an ornament to mankind may, for the lack of true friends, be turned to a mockery upon God's creatures. How guarded should a young man be in his every action! What tender nursing should be bestowed upon everything that tends to the formation of character! Does he not, at this crisis in his affairs, need associates whom he can depend upon? Where can he find better or more desirable than in the circle of those bound to him by some obligation most sacred?

"The question might here be asked, why should not the whole world be benefited by this good, if it be really good? Because the world at large can not appreciate it; it is too selfish. Because too often each individual is striving for his own personal advancement, without that kind consideration for others which should characterize his actions, and would treat our dearest objects and most cherished aims with coldness.

"Why does not the business man publish to the world every good deed he performs? Are not the objects and aims of a college student as dear to him as those of a business man are to that man? and has he not the right, and is it not his duty to choose a circle of associates who are agreeable to him, and who can and will aid him? Undoubtedly he has the right, and by so doing forms a bulwark for his protection, a haven where he can seek rest when wearied, and advice and encouragement when despondent, confident that he can here at last find full appreciation of his endeavors—knowing that they at least understand him and will aid him on to new and broader fields of labor."

MISCELLANY.

PEN PICTURES BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST.

I.

There is in every city, of course, a "Fifth Avenue," a "West End "—some region, be its name what it may, where the wealthy and fashionable dwell; and there is in every city also another region where the less weathy and less fashionable but well-to-do and cultivated dwell, and they are always going to rival the wealthy. Such was the "West End" of Baltimore when I knew it and was of it. There was then one remarkable citizen of that region who foresaw the fashionable and wealthy day coming, and was biding his time in unprofitable patience where unprofitable patients were the only plenty. Wedded to his profession as he was, and to nothing else, he yet loved a friend better than he loved physic. To put his feet on the fender and to spin a yarn patients? would people not always get sick? And jokes are not perennial. The years might be trusted for wealth and work, but a good joke will never keep. To spin a yarn, then—he was a sort of spindling himself. The daintiest feet, you know, clad close in the daintiest gaiters, high-heeled and narrow, with the softest and thinnest socks within. It was hardly rude to place such feet as those on the fender. A pleasant voice rattled out of an orifice between the Burnsides. He had a habit of gesticulating with a lancet, which he would twirl in his fingers and fondle and open and shut and feel and poise, and he has ten fingers yet. He would cut a yarn with the lancet and always apply a laugh of his own to keep it from bleeding its strength away—a soothing laugh as big in volume as the orifice could possibly allow. A man had better laugh at his own jokes than allow them to go unlaughed at.

I knew him well and loved to visit him. Seldom have I known so cherry and dapper a person. As soon as you had fairly en-

tered his office, he began to twirl his conversation, himself and his lancet all about the room; and the room became full of him, little as he was. A good cheer diffused itself about you and filled the apartment like a perfume. A good chair was pushed before the fender and the evening's spinning began. He was dry, not dry like a chip, but dry like a bean-pod; when he opened himself there were kernels there. Some how his presence always reminded me of a powdered perfume, not a liquid. You couldn't bottle him, but he could sprinkle himself all over you. When age comes and makes him a trifle drier and a trifle less talkative he might fitly be labeled "Mumm: Extra Dry." And he had the genuine sparkle.

He was a fellow of unusual accomplishments, and a medical scholar of thoroughness. He read not a little in a desultory way, French, English and German, and was always going to read more. I have no doubt but this very day he has an international tri-lingual lot of reading laid out and has determined to begin it to-morrow. When he gets to heaven, he'll read Jean Paul, Gautier, and William Black-not before, most likely. Then, too' as always he will have a habit of looking in on a friend at the most unexpected times: at midnight, before breakfast or at any hour of the twenty-four. But his bean-pod talk is the best of him, except his good heart, which is as tender as a woman's. I take his easy chair in the old "West-End" office, long since left, for a more profitable practice, I hope. If no charity patient calls him away the next two hours will be royal. He begins his story-Vienna, Baltimore, Charlottesville, I've forgotten where-The pod cracks: "She was a deucedly pretty girl"—He goes on for half an hour while I sleep, and I wake just when his laugh announces the climax. It guggles sweetly forth to my hearing now like June cider from a country jug. The tiny feet are high up against the mantel and the lancet is twirling in the air. Was all that years ago? Why, it must have been last night, wasn't it, Humes?

SUMMER DAYS IN CANADA.

Without any desire to emulate the gentlemen who contribute to the sporting journals, the writer hopes that the pages of the Palm will welcome the following sketch. It was intense July, with no æsthetic significance to the adjective, but with a practical melting down of things, not easy to live under, when a party of three met at a law office in B., to devise ways and means of getting out of town. They were of the Isaak Walton-school, and there was no difference of opinion as to how they should amuse themselves on the trip. Two of them had been through the tumbling trout streams of West Virginia, over the South Branch of the Potomac and Shenandoah, from head to mouth, and down by the sounding sea, at Cobb's Island, in summers past; but reading fishing literature and dreaming of a cooler clime, they thought of lakes and rivers beyond the north horizon. The third man suggested "The Thousand Islands," saving he knew one of the hotel-keepers of that region, and had been invited up, as if the whole public were not treated by "mine host" in the same hospitable way. A smile went round, but on reference to the authorities, it was found that fare, fishing and shelter could be had there on reasonable terms, and the group broke up under an engagement to be ready for a start in twentyfour hours. Let us drop the persons spoken of and fall into the persons speaking. Afraid to trust our rods as baggage or to the expressman, we appeared loaded with them aboard the Niagara express at o A. M. next day, stowed them safely away in the racks, saw that we had not forgotten a little medicine, (for which the doctors give Sunday prescriptions under the title of spiritus fermentii,) and settled ourselves in the back compartment of the parlor car for an after-breakfast smoke. Of the details of the run through Pennsylvania and New York, of the dust blowing in at the windows, of a tired woman's vain efforts to keep a baby quiet, of girls in straw flats, of farmers sitting on the fences in

the shade, smoking and growling at the women working out in the sun, of stoppages for lunch and leg-stretching, what need is there to tell? Every traveler sees, hears and feels them, over this route. We turned into our bunks when the time came round, and the rattling of the wheels soon blended with those nasal sounds which nobody acknowledges he makes. We woke at the Falls, and having in mind the accounts of their thunders from poems and geographies, I expected to be disturbed by them twenty miles off, and to feel the quaking of the solid earth. Could I belittle this work of Nature? Could I say, as of a play or an opera-singer, "I am disappointed"? No! I had not the courage, but it was true, notwithstanding. The sound of the rushing water called to mind the business in hand, and inquiry was make of the hotel man, whether anything could be caught about here. "An old man takes out parties, about four miles up," said he, "and I will make arrangements to take you out at four in the morning—bass bite well there sometimes." "Stop a bit," said I, "doesn't the current run very strong here?" "Yes; but you keep close in, and the old man watches the boat." "Gentlemen," said I, "the Indian may have gone over this dam, bolt upright in his canoe, with his arms folded, and gazing before him with the stolidity for which the race is famous; but I move we don't try it." The merchant and my brother of the bar voted "aye" on this motion, and we passed another forthwith, to push forward to Toronto. We made the steamer at Lewiston, and the air from the Lake was fresh and cool as a sea breeze, but it had the singular quality of making you very thirsty as soon as you had once tasted the boat's beer. The trip over was enlivened by Italian harpers harping on their harps, and fiddlers fiddling on their fiddles. People get very approachable on such trips, through we are not at any time as hard to see as "the veiled prophet," and always visible to clients, on easy terms. We made the acquaintance of an elderly gentleman and a young one who were "knowing" as to field-sports in Canada.

"The St. Lawrence is no place for a stag party," they said, "why don't you go to the northern lakes, to the Muskoko district?" "For no reason whatever," we replied, "and if there is any stiffness or formality about the hotel life of the Islands, eyes of welldressed girls, to which shirt-sleeves would be shocking, as we are trying to get away from these things, we will change our course." The statement of the strangers being corroborated by our hand-book, where the region referred to was described as a paradise for the hunter and the fisherman, we concluded to get tickets for Gravenhurst, at the end of the chain of lakes, two hundred and fifty miles north of Toronto. The railway goes through an uninteresting county, and goes very slowly. The fields look sterile, seeming to have been originally covered with a growth of timber, the blackened stumps of which are scattered about, and not yet adapted to cultivation, and the towns wear that sleepy aspect which makes one ask: how do these people live? We pass over this county more rapidly than the train and make connection with the little steamer which plies between Gravenhurst and Rousseau. Here is one thing we were looking for-go into the trunks for light overcoats—the breeze from the North sends shivers through us as we sit on deck. What a relief, not to be furnishing yourself with a bath; and we say even this is worth the whole trip. The lakes are deep, wide, and dotted with hundreds of islets, and the shores are fringed with the primeval forests. Our merchant has introduced himself to a lady, at which he is very apt when traveling, and is giving her his views on the evening landscape, with a dash or two of sentiment thrown in, while we of the profession lounge luxuriously on benches, with our pipes, and talk of the friends and days at the old University. We reached our destination after nightfall, and were not favorably struck with the hotel or its proprietor. He was an oddity, addicted to poker and profanity; he acted as his own clerk, and as he is a monopolist, took his own time in assigning us to rooms. Our toilets were very hasty, but we

lingered longer over supper. When it was disposed of, we sauntered down to the edge of the lake, sat down on blocks of stone, lighted pipes, and held a council-of-war. It was agreed, that the next day being Sunday, should be devoted to procuring guides and a camp outfit and rest, preparatory to starting off for the wilds by dawn next day. The plan was to camp at different points and only remain at one place while the sport was fine. The next morning we set about carrying out these arrangements, but they underwent important modifications. A Wall street broker and a jeweler from New York, on a similar mission, feeling that two made a rather small party, and liking our looks, as they said, joined us as we lay on the grass under an oak, and we were all soon on the footing of old friends. They owned a cottage on an island ten miles down the Lake, had their cook, guide, and provisions laid in, and "as there was plenty of room, wouldn't we pool interests with them?" This proposition was not to be resisted; to secure another guide and boat was the work of a few minutes, and no happier crowd ever left the little wharf than that which pulled out in the early rays of the morning sun. The cottage stood on a headland of the island, flanked by woods, and protected in front by a table-rock fifty feet square, rising sheer from the water, with which its porch was connected, and a little angular bay formed a safe mooring for our craft. spent the first day in putting things in order and getting bait, which was no easy work among the rocks—crawfish and worms were the temptations we intended to hold out to the bass and pickerel—in fact, nothing else could be had, and they proved a very popular diet. We elected a captain, and as the choice fell on me, and I am a great stickler for system, we soon had a daily programme well marked out, to rise at four, take a biscuit and cup of coffee, make the guides put us on the bass-beds or shoals within a circuit of two or three miles of the island, to return at nine, breakfast on hot rolls, cakes, meats, fish, eggs, and coffee. Oh, such breakfasts, such dinners, and such appetites! We

lounged, swam, played cards and dominoes till one or two o'clock, then off for the long afternoon catch. The fish behaved splendidly. Three-pound bass were common, and four and five pounders not rare. My Leonard bamboo-rod was a treasure, and the casting, playing the fish and landing him, sent a thrill through the whole man. At 8 o'clock we were all back, and the fish came on the table in Fred's most approved style. We sat out in moonlight on our rocky platform, not a mosquito buzzing, and, amid the fragrance of Virginia's weed, sang songs, told stories and recounted whatever incidents of the day were worth recounting. Thus passed, thus flew two weeks without a care, with youth, fine spirits, health and vigor; and when we separated on our way Southward, we were unanimous in the opinion that they were the happiest two weeks of our lives.

THE TWO DEAD SOLDIERS.*

In that beautiful valley which spreads o'er Virginia
Like a mantle thrown over the breast of a queen,
That valley all watered with clear brooks and rivers
Flowing gracefully on through a carpet of green—
Are the graves of two Heroes, two soldiers whose glory
No nation or confine can claim as its own;
For away to the ends of all distant countries
Have their fame, their example, their chivalry flown.

They are gone to their rest, these two mighty Heroes;
Near each other they sleep. 'Twere natural they
Should be placed by the hands of those left to mourn them,
Side by side in the Darkness as they were in the Day—
That in death they march on, through Eternity's ages,
In the same glittering phalanx made brighter thereby,
As a night is lit up that was sombre and gloomy
By two stately planets seen flashing on high.

^{*} Lines suggested by a visit to the graves of Lee and Jackson, at Lexington, Va.

By the side of these graves, the student will seat him,
As he ponders his course through the desert before,
With a tear in his eye, but with loud throbbing bosom,
Will he leap to his task. Then high on the tower
Upreared by the deeds of illustrious men,
Will he seek to inscribe some deed of his own,
In characters cut so deep in the granite
They cannot be hid or erased from the stone.

Some cynic may sneer, or coward endeavor,
In years yet to come, these names to malign;
But there's naught that can lessen the boundless devotion
In which they are held in their own sunny clime.
May no rude destroyer endeavor to break them,
Or render unholy, these Idols of ours;
They are all that is left to a valorous people,
Let them sleep undisturbed in this region of flowers.

Learn wisdom, defiler, from Prussia's great captains,*
See how the heart of old England to merit extends,
A kind recognition, a reward, and a token,†
Such as scarce ever passes 'twixt strangers or friends.
Read there the inscription, and for shame go and hide thee;
Go cleanse thy foul lips, do penance the while:
But do not again, let what will betide thee,
Seek merit to blacken or virtue defile.

We are learning that wisdom, since the Nation was shaken, E'en down to its core, by that tempest of grief,‡
When we wept as one people, when dissensions forsaken
Were buried forever in the tomb of a chief;
That cold, icy barrier that lately divided
In twain this Republic, is melting away,
Now, none but applaud where chivalry guided,
Though the uniform worn was the blue or the gray.

R. S. TURK (Va. Epsilon, '69).

^{*}Prussian generals are said to have become greatly enamored recently of the tactics of some of those who commanded the Southern armies during the late war.

[†] The statue erected at Richmond, Va., to General T. J. Jackson by English gentlemen.

[#]The assassination of President Garfield.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY,
VIRGINIA DELTA CHAPTER,
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

To the Alumni of Virginia Delta Chapter:

It has long been the cherished intention of Virginia Delta Chapter to erect a handsome Hall that should be both a convenience to ourselves and an honor to the Fraternity. We are not at all insensible of the many difficulties that must meet us upon the very threshold of such an undertaking, but believe that they may all be overcome if our Alumni will co-operate with us. There are no Fraternity Halls at the University now, and the chief argument against our long-contemplated design has been that some rival would go to work and build a finer Hall as soon as we had set the example. But this reasoning is puerile and springs from false pride, and our chapter considers it unworthy of further notice. We wish to build a Hall for purposes of utility and not for gaudy ostentation, and shall be satisfied with a neat and durable structure. To accomplish this end, we must have at least \$1,000, and we look to our alumni and other brothers for aid. The present active members of our chapter have subscribed \$100 as a foundation for this "Hall Fund," and Brother (Dr.) Mareen D. Humes ('72) has been elected trustee. chapter, at its last meeting, adopted the following resolution and appointed a committee to solicit contributions:

[&]quot;Whereas, after calm and deep deliberation, we have come to the conclusion that the establishment of a Chapter House will be of essential benefit both as a matter of material comfort to ourselves and of intrinsic usefulness to the Virginia Chapters at large; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a notice be published in the Palm, entreating our Alumni and other brothers to aid us in our enterprise, and requesting each one to advise Brother (Dr.) M. D. Humes, Beltsville, Md., trustee of the fund, of the amount he will contribute."

EUGENE C. MASSIE, WALTER B. RICHARDS, JULIAN C. BUCKNER, Committee.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Virginia State Alumni Association, Richmond, Va., *June 12th*, 1882.

Editors Palm: - Probably to the Richmond Alpha Taus there has been no more pleasant affair for some time than the late reunion of the Virginia Alpha-Alpha Chapter. The result of this meeting was the permanent organization of the Virginia State Alumni Association. About 9 o'clock on Wednesday night, June 7th, the resident brothers and guests assembled in the beautiful garden attached to Sanger Hall, and shortly afterwards an adjournment was had to the Hall of the Virginia Alpha-Alpha Chapter. After the usual ceremonies had been gone through Dr. George M. Pickrell, of Richmond, was initiated into our Order. Soon thereafter the Chapter adjourned, and on motion of Brother Sylvanus Stokes, the brothers present decided to organize a State Alumni Association, and Brother Theodore A. Johns was called to the chair. A temporary organization being completed, a code of by-laws was adopted similar to those of the Alabama State Alumni Association. A permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers, viz.: S. A. W. M., Leonard Marbury (D. C. Upsilon), Alexandria; S. A. W. C., Rev. H. B. Lee (Virginia Beta), Markham Station; S. A. W. K. E., Levin Joynes (Virginia Alpha-Alpha), Richmond; S. A. W. K. A., Eugene C. Massie (Virginia Delta), University of Virginia; S. A. W. Scribe, William G. Forbes (Virginia Delta), Richmond; S. A. W. U., Dr. Charles W. Gleaves (Virginia Epsilon), Wytheville; S. A. W. Sen., Robert Archer (Virginia Alpha), Richmond; Correspondent, Sylvanus Stokes (Virginia Delta), Richmond.

It was resolved that the first annual meeting of the Association shall take place in Richmond on the first Wednesday in May, 1883, unless otherwise ordered by the Worthy Master. On motion, the Association then adjourned, and the brothers present were invited to an elegant banquet, which was tendered to the Association by the Virginia Alpha-Alpha Chapter. Good things and good cheer reigned supreme for several hours, and we soon found out what we had not known before, that the Alpha Taus of Richmond are just as enthusiastic now as they were while at college. Although it had been agreed that there should be no speaking, yet Brother Johns was so full (he says of enthusiasm, not champagne) that the rule was suspended as to him, we think on his own motion, after lobbying awhile amongst the brothers, and he succeeded in entertaining us most agreebly, as the frequent bursts of laughter and applause testified.

After reading letters of regret from various brothers, and singing some of the good old songs we so loved to sing at college, we all repaired to our homes, voting the whole affair a most decided success.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

Sylvanus Stokes, Correspondent.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity,
Alabama State Alumni Association.

The second annual convention of the Alabama State Alumni Association will be held at Auburn, the 29th instant. Every member is urged to be present, as important business is to be transacted.

Brothers from other States are cordially invited to attend. By order of

J. S. N. DAVIS, JR, S. A. W. M.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

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OUR PRESSING NEED.

It is often desirable to give utterance to convictions which are manifestly at variance with long-established custom and tenderly-nurtured tradition; and it is the duty of every man to speak boldly but delicately of evils which find their birth and life in the delusive though well-intentioned action of those whose sincerity cannot be questioned. Though writing in the calm, quiet repose of our sanctum, we can fully appreciate the ceaseless whirl and activity of the student world without; but the fullness of our appreciation cannot justify a practice which holds in the Fraternity world to-day. There can be no rapidity of thought and no rapidity of movement which demands of any Fraternity that insane solicitation of men which mars the dignity and warps the judgment of the solicitor. The cultivation of a delicate sense of discrimination in human character, and the proper application of that sense of discrimination, are the means by which the reputation of chapters is to be secured and sustained; and the hasty judgment, with its resultants in practical ways, will bring injury to any organization, ecclesiastical or secular. Our great necessity, our only necessity, is the reformation of our "System of Increase," (if we may coin the expression). Interpreters of the actions of Providence have not failed to see in the afflictions with which the human race is periodically visited the gradual accomplishment of broadly beneficent ends; and the ravages of yellow-fever and small-pox are regarded as a beneficent decimation conducing to the depopulation of a world naturally tending to over population. These radical interruptions of the natural course of events are deemed beneficial to the great mass of humanity; and the value of parallel changes in the course of events in the Fraternity world cannot be overestimated.

We require a radical reformation in the mode of selecting fit material—some constitutional amendment fixing the time which must elapse between the entrance date of a student and his solicitation to become a Fraternity man. This interval should not be less than one month, nor more than three months. The provision should be rigidly enforced in all organized chapters, and its abrogation permitted only in the earlier stages of the organization of new chapters. This time-limitation will quickly shift our thoughts from the *quantitative* to the *qualitative* features of our increase; and the elevation of tone and purity of desire consequent upon this change of standpoint will have an inspiriting effect throughout the Fraternity mass.

The principle for which we contend has received an eloquent endorsement from a high quarter. Bro. Gadsden of Va. Beta sounded the key-note of the campaign when he said in his letter for the first issue of the Palm: "We will keep the Chapter pure, even if it be at the cost of its life!" This is the object towards which efforts must be directed; and the floor of the Alpha Tau Omega Congress, at its forthcoming session in Washington, is the place where, if we stand alone, we will fight boldly and vigorously for the recognition of this principle which is the basis of true Fraternity greatness.

THE REPEAL OF ANTI-FRATERNITY LAWS.

The suspension of four students of Purdue University, Indiana, for persistent adherence to their Fraternity convictions, and the further step of a legal appeal from this arbitrary use of autocratic power, were reported in a recent issue of our Journal. The decision of the courts of Indiana was unfavorable to Fraternity interests; but even if the result in this case had been successful it would not have removed the much-debated question from the field of discussion. Some uniform effort of the entire Greek world must be made towards the abolition of these star-chamber

proceedings on the part of faculties, and a general conference as to the method to be pursued will prove fruitful.

To us it seems quite clear that favorable legislation is a partial but not an adequate remedy for the evil. Legal statutes can never curtail the right or assumed right of private corporations to make such regulations as will effectually protect institutions of a private character from the incursions of these Greek hordes(?); and legislative power in such matters will therefore be restricted to institutions professedly under State control. The assistance to be secured by legal enactment is, however, of great importance, and the general current of public attention must be turned to the injustice of these practices by an attempt to secure legislative action. This can readily be done by enlisting the sympathies of Greeks in the various State Legislatures, and unity of effort in the Greek world will result in a general attack along the entire line. It is safe to assume that each Legislature contains fully five Fraternity men, and these can begin the agitation for an abolition of the restrictions in State Institutions. This agitation once begun will give the question an importance in the non-Greek world which it does not now have, and success in this direction will assist us materially in removing the prejudice which obtains in the world of private schooldom.

Cannot Alpha Tau Omega, at her next Congress, formulate a plan for securing these legal enactments? Why not memorialize all existing Fraternities to unite in a common effort to make a concerted attack upon private prejudice in this strictly methodical way? It will be a labor of many months, and a labor requiring zeal and energy, but the result will fully repay a labor ten-fold greater. We should be pleased to have our Greek friends in general express their opinion as to the feasibility of the measure.

WHAT IS THE PROPER LIMITATION OF CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP?

The unwieldy character of large bodies has long been fairly recognized as one cause of disturbance to effective work. representative government in this and other countries testifies to the delay and inconvenience attendant upon the gathering of great multitudes; and we find that Fraternities have been forced to a limitative statute with regard to the representation of chapters in their annual or bi-ennial Conventions. The practice is quite universal, and we infer that experience has shown what difficulties the disadvantages of the opposite course will necessarily produce. A single chapter is usually brought face to face with such questions at an earlier or later date, and we feel that our older chapters should give to the junior chapters the benefit of their years of collective experience. Several of our chapters notably the Tennessee Omega-have tested the question practically, and find that chapter membership should be limited to sixteen, with slight variations permissible only in unusual and exceptional cases. A larger membership naturally results in a lack of solidity, and a tendency toward the destruction of strictly harmonious action in matters of detail. A smaller membership, unless exceptionally good, fails to give that outward force and power by which the influence of a chapter is chiefly made apparent to the world, and is usually devoid of that fire and enthusiasm which contact of human souls working for similar ends will naturally engender. The difficulty of harmonizing conflicting feelings will not be great with a membership of sixteen, and these local discrepancies will disappear under the leadership of a strong, active mind and a pure character. By all means, then, let us avoid the extremes of an unwieldy and a listless. membership, and strive to make our chapters earnest, zealous and effective. To secure this end, experience has taught us that sixteen will answer fully all requirements.

BRIEFS.

- —A letter from every active chapter—twenty-four!
- —Another State Alumni Association! The Old Dominion has wheeled into line. Hurrah!
- —The Alabama boys come together on the 29th. See the Worthy Master's communication.
- —We return thanks to the various chapters and other brothers for remembering us when issuing their Commencement invitations.
- —Virginia Delta's Chapter House will soon be a fact. Read the stirring appeal from that chapter in this issue, and lend a hand in raising the structure, oh, ye noble Deltas!
- —Place, Washington, D. C.; time, 28th December, 1882; occasion, A. T. Ω. Congress; result, new triumphs for Alpha Tau Omega and a glorious time for all Alpha Taus who are present.
- —We have every season to believe the new Charter will be finished soon. That dear brother and brilliant artist to whom the Fraternity is already deeply indebted has promised to do the work; and the chapters may rest assured that it will be faithfully and beautifully done.
- —The Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals has a few copies of Baird's "American College Fraternities" left. Every chapter should by all means secure a copy, and the book will be of great service also to every active and wide-awake Alpha Tau. Price, two dollars, post free. Address the W. G. K. A., Box 194, Richmond, Va.
- —What are you doing? Getting ready. For what? The next Congress. Where? At Washington. When? December 28th, 1882. Are many going? Everybody is going. Why? Because it is to be the most important Congress, the biggest Congress, the most delightful Congress, Alpha Tau Omega ever had. Enough; 1 am going, too.
- —We gratefully tender our thanks for the compliment of an invitation to be present at the "Public Exercises" incident to the celebration of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, at the Academy of Music, New York, on the evening of May 16th. If it had been in our power we should certainly have availed ourselves of the graceful and courteous invitation.

—For satisfactory reasons the publication of the revised preliminary catalogue has been postponed till after the several chapters reassemble in the fall. The book may therefore be expected in December. In this connection it is very important that every brother furnish the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, as soon as practicable, all the *data* concerning himself, as well as whatever information he may possess regarding other members of the Fraternity: such as full name (*Christian* and *middle* names), year of initiation, honors and distinctions obtained at College and since leaving College, past and present profession or business, and *present postoffice*.

—Brother Glazebrook reached England on May 19th. A cablegram announced his safe arrival and several letters have since been received, which indicate that already his health has been benefited. He intends to do very little traveling while abroad beyond visiting Scotland and probably Ireland, and he hopes to return home early in September. He is with kind friends who will tenderly nurse him; and let us hope he will come back to his loved ones with his health greatly improved if not wholly restored.

In Brother Glazebrook's absence all communications intended for the Chairman of the High Council should be addressed to Sylvanus Stokes, Richmond, Va., who is acting chairman.

—"I want so much to have a neat head- and foot-stone at his grave, but am not able just now; I hope, however, some day I can have it done." Thus writes to the Editor-in-Chief the bereaved mother of our late brother, John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta), and adds, "I pray your Fraternity may prosper and grow in numbers; I shall always pray for it. My darling son was so faithful to it, and said it was so good and nice to have such a

Society for young men."

Did we speak too fast when we replied that her son—our brother—should have a monument over his grave? We think not. We believe it is only necessary to quote the sorrowing mother's words to call forth from Alpha Taus at once such a practical response as shall gladden her heart. The Editors propose to raise through the Palm a small fund (it has already been started) for the purpose of erecting a neat and durable monument (appropriately inscribed) over the last resting-place of this dear brother, whose pure and noble heart ever throbbed with truest affection for Alpha Tau Omega, and who, in his short, though complete life, so beautifully exemplified the principles our Fraternity seeks to inculcate. The Palm will receive contributions for this worthy object and apply them in the manner stated.

—We have been greatly disappointed at the failure of so many of our last year's subscribers to renew their subscription to our journal. What is the reason? We are at a loss to account for the fact; for these very brothers repeatedly expressed great interest in our work,—aye, many of them gave practical proof of the same beyond sending us their subscription money. Did they fail to get the last number of the first volume, and argue thus that the journal had suspended publication? That cannot be the reason, for a copy of the first number of the present volume was mailed to each one of these old subscribers. Did they fail to get that number? Well, maybe so; we cannot tell; the mails have not invariably been friendly to us. Or, have these brothers simply failed to give the matter of renewing their subscription the attention it deserved? is it, that they have been intending to send us their renewals—and—and just haven't done it. We hope and believe that is the trouble and that it will quickly be removed. We don't want to part with these old friends; we don't want to do it, and we can't afford to do it. Nor can they afford to part with the Palm—that is, if they are (what we believe them to be, every one of them) good and true Alpha Taus who want to see the Fraternity prosper as well as its official organ. We shall make one more effort to arouse these lethargic brothers. We shall mail every one a copy of this number of our Journal, and we trust he will appreciate our long-suffering and remit the subscription fee at once.

-From various letters received we learn some of our subscribers have failed to get their copies of the Palm. We wish them all to know that the fault does not lie with us. We are sure no newspaper office has a more thorough system of bookkeeping than that we pursue. As soon as a subscription is received it is entered on a blotter, from which it is subsequently journalized, and thence posted or carried to the ledger. the ledger our mailing-list, containing the name and post office of every subscriber, is prepared; and, from time to time, this list is carefully compared with the blotter, or original entry-book, and revised by it. So that it is next to impossible for a subscriber to fail to receive credit for his subscription fee, or that his name and post office (when the same are legibly written, which is not always the case) should be incorrectly entered. So much for our book-keeping. But how about the other branch of clerical work, viz., the wrapping, directing and actual mailing of the Journal? Well, that delightful (?) labor is also performed by us, and we do it in this wise:

We carefully wrap and seal the requisite number of copies, and then address them according to the subscribers' names, alphabetically arranged on our mailing list. That done, we next go over the work, comparing every address we have transcribed with the original entry of the same, and checking the latter as each name and post office is examined and proved. The next and last step is to mail the journals. This we do ourselves. We put them in bags, securely tied, and we carry the bags, in our own wagon, to the post office. There we deliver our burden to the Government's tender (?) and watchful (?) care, and take its receipt, and there our responsibility ceases. Hence, if a subscriber fails to receive his Journal, it is due to the carelessness or neglect of the U. S. mail service. We surely do all we can to insure every copy reaching safely its proper destination.

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All matter intended for the next (October) number (except Chapter Letters) must be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief by *September 1st.* Chapter Letters must be forwarded as soon as possible after the chapters reassemble.

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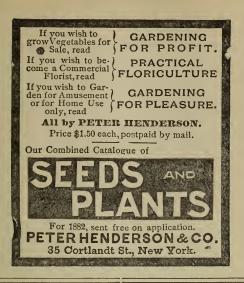
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THE PROPER LOCATION OF CHAPTERS.

A recently founded Fraternity assumed for its basis of advance that it was necessary to obtain chapters no matter where or how situated; but new chapters it must have. That Fraternity is now entirely dismembered, and it has but fulfilled the expectations of all Fraternity men who have been watching its development. One chapter has joined one Fraternity, and another, another, and there is probably only a vestige of the original Fraternity left. In a Fraternity so young, such action was, to say the least, exceedingly impolitic; even in long standing and well organized Fraternities, such things cannot be done with impunity; and not a few of them have lost considerable prestige thereby. But who is responsible for such an unfortunate result? Surely not the officers of the Fraternity in whose power it lies to grant charters, for it is impossible that they should have a complete or even a partial knowledge of every college in which certain members may wish to place a chapter. They cannot, in justice to the Fraternity, ignorantly subscribe to the chapter; and yet what are they to do? Here are the applicants pressing their petition, themselves seeing no reason for refusal, and of course expecting the officers to be as blind as they. The burden of proof that the college is a good one manifestly should rest with the applicants. It ought not to be sufficient for them to affirm merely that such is the case, but positive and convincing evidence of the excellence of the college should be forthcoming before the charter is granted. It may sound very well to say that our

seventy-fifth chapter has been planted at such and such a university, but it is somewhat humiliating to be compelled to confess that that same university is little more than a high school where the boys are scarcely free from their mothers' apron-strings. Such a chapter is worse than useless. Second-rate universities cannot support other than second-rate chapters. There are enough good colleges and universities in the country to enable Fraternities to avoid poor situations where the most successful can succeed but moderately.

Many a brother is largely influenced, in his petition for a charter, by a feeling which, if properly guided, is very commendable—that it is time for him to be doing something for his Fraternity; and without due consideration he applies for a charter for a place that it never occurred to any one but himself to look upon as important.

What has been said is as applicable to other Fraternities as to our own, and nothing is intended to reflect upon the labor which has so far been bestowed, nor to discourage any from continuing it; yet it is no secret that Alpha Tau Omega is at present in a situation when every stroke must be as cautious as bold. Every Fraternity in the course of its existence passes through critical periods like the present is for us; and the whole question becomes for us, whether we are to be careless in our present work and wait for another two years, or whether we are to throw ourselves into the work with a spirit that will reflect credit upon the Fraternity.

T.-4.

THE SONG BOOK.

It was with much pleasure that I read the short article on the "Song Book," by "Tenn. Omega," in No. 1 of Vol. II, and I hoped that every number of the *Palm* would contain some such article. It is not from any power that I have to present this matter forcibly that induces me to take the field in urging the

undertaking; but from a desire to keep the subject before the Fraternity, in the hope that every Alpha Tau may become interested by seeing how brothers from other sections feel about it; and also for the purpose of inducing discussion. A Song Book is fast becoming a necessity to our Fraternity. The very fact that other Greeks already have such books, should make us feel the importance of securing one for ourselves. Alpha Tau Omega has ever ranked among the first as a live Fraternity, full of the spirit of enterprise and advancement. Why should she be behind any in this matter? If for no better reason than this, then, let us have a Song Book, and at once, too. Nothing will keep our chapters or our alumni more together. It is especially important to our alumni, and will prove of lasting benefit. "Our prose formulas will be forgotten and the dust of years will have gathered upon them when our songs will yet be enshrined in the hearts and memories of men." There is no better way of extending our influence and teachings, and of securing the ground gained. Let us, then, while keeping pace with the first in other respects, not fall behind in this most important matter. If we Alpha Taus will show the enterprise in this matter that has been shown in the matter of the Palm, we will soon have a Song Book of which, as of our official organ, we can say with just pride: Better no Fraternity can boast!

SOUTH CAROLINA.

TENNESSEE OMEGA-ITS CHAPTER ROOM.

At the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity had virtually no opposition for three full years; and the purchase of a building and its proper adornment were accomplished in 1880–1. This building has a fine situation in a desirable portion of Sewanee village, fronting on the main avenue or street. The lot contains a beautiful spring,

and the grounds are tastefully set off with rustic benches and a Fraternity summer house. The chapter room proper is supplied with the greater part of the required paraphernalia, and its beauty is further enhanced by an elegant chandelier selected by Bro. Arthur B. Elliott, to whose judgment and exquisite taste we are deeply indebted in many ways. The walls of the room have received attention at the hands of the carpenter, and are neatly and substantially fashioned. The object which first meets the eye on entering is a screen of rich, dark-blue cloth, with a badge of silk crossing it diagonally, on which the Fraternity badge and pin are painted, the whole being further beautified by the addition of an artistic representation of a bunch of flowers.

The distinguishing feature of this chapter room is an ingeniously-contrived machine, presented to the chapter by the Rev. Telfair Hodgson, D. D., the vice chancellor of the University. This contrivance has a "local habitation," but no "name." It is intricate in its make up, the parts being so inter-related that a slight change in its internal arrangement will transform it into fully a dozen machines in turn—a mock row-boat, an ordinary horizontal bar, a muscle-developer, chest-developer, &c., &c. To enjoy physical exercise fully in this way considerable dexterity and suppleness of limb is required; and to those who are thus fairly equipped the "instrument" will prove a blessing.

We cordially invite brothers of our various chapters to visit the Tennessee Omega, and enjoy the freedom of the chapter and the hospitality of Alpha Tau Omega at Sewanee. Stop at Cowan station, on the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad, proceed thence to Sewanee (9 miles) by the Tennessee Coal and Railroad Company's cars, and instruct the hackman to drive you to the room of any one of the members, and a gracious welcome will be accorded you.

P.

LETTERS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

Editors Palm:—I am afraid this will reach you too late for publication, but rather than see the Palm come out without a letter from this chapter, I will write even with the foreboding that it is too late. This chapter is now, as it has always been, in most flourishing circumstances, and were I to attempt to detail our successes since you last heard from us, I would consume several pages of your valuable space; so I will only narrate the

chief points of interest during the last few months.

The Alpha Taus took a most prominent position during the Commencement, furnishing all four of the M. A. graduates and all the degree men save two; all the orations of Commencement day were delivered by Alpha Taus, and on the contest for the essay cup between the two literary societies, Brother W. A. Percy was the fortunate man. But while we had much to be proud of, we had much to lament in losing some of our best and staunchest men. Brothers Barton, Percy, W. A., and Puckette have left us, the last two carrying with them the M. A. degree, and they are men whom some years of service have shown to be not easy to replace. We have, however, received as a most pleasant accession to our numbers Brother R. E. Nelson (Virginia Alpha), late professor in the Maryland Agricultural College, who has been elected to the chair of Physics in this University. Brother Wiggins has been elected to the chair of Ancient Languages, and is the corner-stone of our chapter. We have at present five members of the faculty-viz: Brothers Wiggins, Weber, Nelson, Page and Gailor. So you see there is no danger of this chapter being annoyed by anti-Fraternity rules.

Among the pleasant events of the summer, the most note-worthy were the banquets given to the chapter by Brother Mc. N. DuBose and our Right Rev. brother, Bishop Quintard, both of which were delightful. We have enjoyed a visit from Brother Stiles of Va. B., who is as fine a fellow as ever, and we congratulate his chapter on possessing him. Brothers Lovell, W. S., Lovell, J. Q. and Duncan have also spent some time with us.

We are almost sorry to hear that Brother Alston has graduated as first captain at the Virginia Military Institute, for we

know how much the Va. Alpha will miss his enthusiasm and vim, and the *Palm* his earnest and hearty letters. We have as yet taken in no new men, but the session has hardly begun and we contemplate an initiation shortly. Well, I suppose I have already trespassed too much on your patience, and will stop after saying that the Tennessee Omega is going to send a booming delegation to the next Congress.

Yours in A. T. Q., J. W. Percy, Correspondent.

OHIO ALPHA-NU.

Editors Palm:—Although several brother Alpha Taus are absent this term, yet those who are here are workers, and there need be no fears for the prosperity of Ohio Alpha-Nu. Two more have been initiated since our June report was sent you—one being F. P. Shumaker, of Galion, O., and the other your correspondent, whose name is withheld, the signature at the close

indicating the wherefore.

The present financial difficulties of the College had a tendency to materially lessen the attendance of students at the opening of the present college year; but as successful efforts are being made to clear off the debt, it is confidently expected that her old-time prosperity will soon return to the College. But whatever may be the outcome of the financial troubles, the existence of Ohio Alpha-Nu as a chapter is fully assured. It is not a question of existence, but of situation; for if the debt is not paid off by the citizens, the College is to be transferred to another location, and placed in the midst of such favorable surroundings and in such an excellent financial condition that a brilliant future is fully warranted.

Our rival Fraternity, the Delta Tau Delta, is well represented this term, and its chapter here is much stronger in numbers than our own. The relation of the faculty to the Fraternities remains about the same. It neither attempts to suppress or encourage them, but as the workings of the Fraternities gradually become more and more open, we accept the silence on the faculty's part as so much in our favor.

Brother J. S. Vandervort, of Michigan Alpha-Mu, was with us a short time before Commencement. Brothers Harris and Hay—recognized as two of the ablest men in the College—have left us, although it is possible that Brother Hay may return next

spring term. At the farewell banquet tendered Brothers Hay and Harris, two of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity were present and participated in the exercises and toasts. Brother A. B. Cooper will return at the opening of the spring term, and sends us word that he is "growing fat and funny." At present he is our only member of the Senior class.

Hoping in our next letter to be able to report two or three

valuable additions to this chapter, I remain,

Yours in A. T. $\Omega_{,,}$

FILIUS PRAECEPTORIS, Correspondent.

---- ALPHA-ETA.

Editors Palm:—Having just returned to college after a long vacation, and not being as yet fully reorganized, we can promise

you only a very short and uninteresting letter.

We were very much surprised and disappointed when we reassembled this session to find that out of the eight members of last term only two had returned. However, we soon initiated the two candidates whom we mentioned in our last letter; so at present our number is four, which we hope to increase in a short time. A few days since we enjoyed a visit from Brother——, who, since graduating, has gained great renown as a teacher, and who is now a professor in a school of high standing in the State. The existence of our Fraternity here is known to but one of the faculty, a Phi Kappa Sigma, who is our warm friend. He is one of the most pleasant gentlemen that I have ever met, and I only wish that he was an Alpha Tau, in order that he might be the more closely connected with us. Hoping that this may reach you in time for the next issue of the *Palm*, I remain,

Editors Palm:—The opening of the Lehigh University on the 6th instant found all our members back except one, who is delayed by sickness.

There is a good prospect of increase from the present students. Bro. Ziegler enters the Junior Class at Harvard the 26th instant, to complete his course in classics. With love to all Alpha Taus, I remain.

Yours in A. T. Ω ., J. ALEX. SCHMIDT, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-ZETA.

Editors Palm:—Your Correspondent begs the indulgence of the readers of the Palm, as he has only partially recovered from an attack of fever and has not yet resumed his studies.

But living in Macon, he is able to learn the little there is to

tell.

It gives me great pleasure to say that all our bright hopes for the year 1881–'82 were fully realized. Our Commencement was largely attended by people from all parts of the State. Georgia Alpha-Zeta Chapter was proud of her sons on that occasion; handsomely did they acquit themselves, each and every one.

There have been rumors afloat that Delta Tau Delta and Chi Phi would appear here in full blast at the opening of the fall term. If Delta Tau Delta is at Mercer (and I am *almost certain* she is not), she is *sub rosa*, and has contented herself with a very

mediocre class of men.

Chi Phi once had a chapter at Mercer. She has a large body of Alumni in Macon, some of whom are anxious to revive the chapter, provided they can get good material. As the number of students is small, and as there are four Fraternities to contend with, I hardly think she will enter the field.

Our College opened with about the same attendance as last year, but strange to say, there were but few among the new

students who were desirable as Fraternity men.

But Alpha Tau Omega was not to fail here. We have initiated

three men, viz:

Malcolm D. Jones, Macon, Ga., Sophomore; Lucius E. Williams, Macon, Ga., Sophomore; R. H. Weaver, Eatonton, Ga., Junior. Our new men, I trust, will make us brothers, good and true. They are pleased with us and our Fraternity, and we are pleased with them.

We have two flourishing Literary Societies. Many of the principal offices of the Societies are held by Alpha Taus. I do not say this in a spirit of boasting, but merely to show the posi-

tion of our men in College.

Every one of our under-graduates returned, who with our new men give us a working force of fifteen active Alpha Taus. May

our success for 1882-'83 exceed even that of 1881-'82.

Personal.—Wm. S. Howell, '82, is studying law at his home, White Plains, Ga. R. E. Murrow, '82, is pastor of Warren Chapel, Macon, Ga. Clem. P. Steed, '82, is merchandising in Macon, Ga. Joseph L. Anderson, '82, is teaching in Jones county, Ga. Yours in A. T. Q.,

WILLIE B. BIRCH, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-IOTA.

Editors Palm:—We find ourselves at the beginning of another year of Fraternity work. All the brothers returned except Brother (Prof.) Dieter. The separation of this brother from us is a great loss; allow me to say simply that no man has left our institution who has endeared himself more to those connected with it than Brother Dieter. Pennsylvania Alpha-Iota sustains a severe loss, and the good wishes of every member of the chapter go with him.

The subject of the coming Congress has been agitating our chapter very much, and we wait patiently but anxiously for December 27th, 1882, for it is there and then that the ties so firmly established will be strengthened, and the representatives from the several chapters will be able to view the duties and pleasures of our eternal bond. Let all of us aim to make it the happiest

time Alpha Tau Omega has ever witnessed.

Our present outlook is not as pleasant as it might be, yet we hope to be able to secure some of the best material before long.

Brother Frank H. Easby (Pa. Tau, '81), paid Allentown a flying visit; so short was it, however, that several of us failed to see him.

Brother Horne, of our own chapter, made quite an extensive tour into the Southern States during the summer.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

R. Morris Schmid, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY MU.

Editors Palm:—The summer has past, bringing September with college days—the happiest of our life. The Institute opened September 4th. I think, from all indications, the K. M. I. will have more students this session than ever before. Our chapter had its first meeting last Monday, and it was a most interesting and important meeting, every one taking a part in the business. We began the year with eleven members. [Later intelligence puts the membership at twenty-two.—Eds.]

In our June letter we promised to report at this time the honors our chapter received last session. They were as follows: Bros. Peeples and Green graduated with the degree of B. A.; Bro. Harris received the medal for Third Division English and that for Second Division Mathematics; Bro. Ericson received the

medal for Second Division Mathematics; Bro. Howe took the degree of G. C. C., being the best in his class, and Bro. R. D. Smith won the P. L. Society First Declamation Medal on Commencement day. We think the Ky. Mu did well in all her undertakings last year. I only hope she will keep up her good name. Bro. R. S. Allen, senior captain, is the only cadet officer appointed as yet. [There have been other military honors received by members of the chapter since this letter was written.—Eds.]

Bro. (Dr.) Wm. Cheatham ('70) and wife spent an evening at the Institute just before last session closed, and the chapter had quite a lengthy chat with him about the olden time when he was a cadet here and an active member of our old chapter. Brother Editors, if ever you come to the grand old State of Kentucky, do not fail to pay the Ky. Mu a visit; rest assured you will meet brothers who will be *very* glad to see you or any other Alpha Tau

who may come.

Thinking this will just pass for a chapter letter, I will close with the hope that we shall soon hear that all our chapters are as well represented this session as the Ky. Mu.

Editors Palm:—Your Correspondent very much fears his communication will come to you too late for publication, but hopes that his seeming neglect may be palliated by the recollection that the session has just opened, and that all the disorganization and derangement that characterizes the beginning of the collegiate year has been prevalent here since the session commenced. This, together with the fact that our original members returned irregularly, has prevented our chapter from writing its letter to the Palm earlier.

Now that the session has fairly opened, it is gratifying to us to be able to report a vigorous, flourishing, euthusiastic chapter, whose members catch the spirit of our brotherhood and realize

the true nobility of our beloved Order.

Although there were two of our last session's members who did not return, yet their places were immediately occupied by two Alpha Taus from a sister institution. While we cannot but miss the genial smile and merry jest of our departed brothers, yet we congratulate ourselves on having the vacancies their absence occasioned so well filled. Since the beginning of the

session we have elected as members of our chapter two other men, who will be initiated as soon as we can get their applications filled.

Being *sub rosa*, it is exceedingly difficult, in a town so small as this, to get a hall where we may meet without exciting observation or suspicion, and so, as yet, we are laboring under serious disadvantages; but so long as our members are animated by the proper spirit and right appreciation of our Order, we shall feel no fear of lack of interest or of abatement of enthusiasm.

We have two active and watchful rivals in the field, and the realization of this fact keeps us awake and on the look-out for men who possess the qualities that befit them for connection with our mystic Brotherhood. Yet, we do not allow our judgment to be warped by our zeal, and we deem it better to be overprudent than to be even slightly careless. We want, and will have, none but the best men.

As the time for the next meeting of our Congress approaches the absolute necessity for the representation of every chapter of the Fraternity becomes more apparent, and our chapter, recognizing this necessity, will soon take steps to be represented there.

It should be a source of congratulation and pride to every member of our Fraternity that our official organ is so handsomely gotten up and so ably edited. The last issue presents an appearance which reflects great credit not on the editors alone, but upon the whole Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

I have, I fear, exhausted the space allotted to each Correspondent; so, with hearty expressions of sympathy and congratulation to our new chapters, and fraternal greetings to our old ones,

I sign myself,

Yours in A. T. Ω .

Onibla, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-UPSILON.

Editors Palm:—We are young; and as youth is the period of activity, we are active. We were initiated June 27th, '82, by Bro. N. Wiley Thomas. We are as yet small in number, the time of our initiation being very unfavorable to the beginning of Fraternity work, but we will show that "time will tell."

We are C. W. Baker, '83, of Bakersville, Pa.; W. J. Kasten, '85, of Baltimore, Md., and L. D. Gerhardt, '85, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; and since *Alpha Tauism* consists not in numbers only, we can claim as much place as any other Fraternity—however,

we expect to have before long a material increase.

Our College opened September 7th, and we have held one regular meeting. We are now framing our By-Laws.

A Chapter Hall has not yet been decided upon; but we will

tell you about it in our next letter.

Promising you a better report next time, we remain, Yours in A. T. Q.,

L. DEWITT GERHARDT, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

Editors Palm:—Inasmuch as I have been selected as Correspondent for this chapter, and the time has arrived for our regular letter to be written, I avail myself of the pleasant duty without

further delay.

All of our old members returned after having spent a most pleasant vacation, and were in a good condition for work. To say that we worked hard here during the opening of the present session would not, I think, be reflecting any undue credit upon ourselves, but simply giving "honor to whom honor is due."

There has been quite a contest here among the rival Fraternities this year, each striving to gain the ascendency. Though Alpha Tau Omega has not extended the hand of fellowship to every passer-by, yet she has kept wide awake to her sense of duty, and drawn to her bosom a few wandering children whom she feels confident have dedicated themselves to her cause and will always pay due homage to her name.

Our prospect for a good chapter this year grows brighter daily.

So far we have initiated the following persons—viz:

J. B. Moorman, Roanoke county, Va. C. C. Hudson, Roanoke county, Va. R. C. Booton, Madison county, Va. William H. DeBell, Fairfax county, Va.

M. M. Israel, Donaldsonville, La. L. E. Simpson, Richmond, Va.

This being the result of our labor up to the present time, we have sufficient reason to feel encouraged.

We now have eleven (II) members, all of whom do the best

they can for the advancement of our cause.

Though this is the last year that three of our members will be here, yet I think by the united efforts of us all we can lift the new Virginia Epsilon from her cradle and leave her to walk alone.

With kind greeting to all,

Yours in A. T. $Q_{\cdot,}$

J. R. EVERSOLE, Correspondent.

NEW YORK ALPHA-OMICRON.

Editors Palm: - With us the new year opens with bright prospects of success, though at present darkened by clouds of regret, owing to the loss of our representation in the Faculty. B. J. Pink, M. A., Professor of the French and German Languages, was initiated as a member of our chapter during the latter part of last year, and his influence and advice made a strong impression upon its welfare. After the close of last year, he resolved to sever his connection with the University and engage in the practice of law. Accordingly, he has removed to Wausau, Wis., where he is to begin immediately the practice of his profession. Though mourning his loss, yet through the clouds which at present hang over us, we see straggling beams of light which comes to drive away our sorrow; though he is no longer with us, the impression he has made will not soon be effaced; and though separated from us by geographical limits, we know that he is bound to us by those endearing ties of brotherhood, which neither time nor space will be able to sever.

We anticipate soon removing into more commodious quarters than those we are at present occupying. In a few weeks we will begin the work of remodeling the new room which has been assigned us, and when our work is done, the foundation of the New York Alpha-Omicron Chapter will be laid, not of material soon to crumble and be no more, but of an enduring quality, making it an honor to our Brotherhood. Such is our aim, and

such will be the accomplishment of our efforts.

Yours in A. T. Q.,
R. D. Ford, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

Editors Palm:—Inasmuch as little of chapter business is transacted during the summer months, this letter shall be devoted more especially to general Fraternity topics which have been discussed by our men at the University. The whole chapter is desirous of having published a few secret pages of the Palm. They recognize the necessity of discussing those questions which can not even be hinted at through the medium of the Palm as it now is. The only resource left—that of inter-chapter correspondence—is unsatisfactory, for it opens up the question at issue only to the chapters corresponding. The scheme is not at all

an impracticable one, and involves merely the extra binding, which is not a matter of great expense, and a greater degree of care on the part of the person who addresses the journal, in order to insure the entire secrecy of the extra pages. Inasmuch, also, as in all probability questions involving the introduction of the Constitution would arise, these extra pages would necessarily have to be regarded in the same light as the Constitution itself and kept as entirely secret. As such would be the case, it is useles to expatiate on the merits of the scheme—it speaks for itself. Under no circumstances would it be right, or at least politic, to make these extra pages obtainable otherwise than through subscription to the *Palm*.

With every succeeding summer greater need is felt of a good catalogue, and such a one should be issued with the least possible delay. It is necessary, from the very nature of a catalogue, that it should be correct in every detail. The only way in which such accuracy is to be obtained is to issue advance sheets of each chapter's list to that chapter, where they can be carefully examined and returned shortly for incorporation into the general

catalogue.

The start of Pennsylvania Tau is greatly in advance of last year's. Rooms have been secured on Chestnut street in a very convenient position. Bro. Wade, of the Virginia Delta, has been spending some time in Philadelphia and has been able to see something of our College. All the chapter liked him exceedingly.

I would like to acknowledge the receipt of the Convention number of "The Star and Crescent," the organ of Alpha Delta

Phi.

Yours in A. T. Ω.,

L. L. SMITH, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-THETA.

Editors Palm:—We received your request for a chapter letter a few days ago, and we were resting easy, thinking Brother Tigner, who is our Correspondent, had written. About dark this evening he requested me to write to you for him as his eyes are sore. We are doing extremely well. The brothers are not only wearing badges, but they are also endeavoring to live up to our principles and privileges. We have had the choice of the best of three hundred students. Those we have taken rank highest in their classes, and are pressing forward in their literary societies with all possible zeal. We have no special honors to boast

of at our last Commencement. We can only say that the "Maltese Cross" was there, and was heard to speak to our advantage. One of our men was elected by a handsome majority to speak on the next anniversary of Washington's birth-day. We have twenty active members, of whom eight are in the present graduating class. We have made four initiates this term: I. Barnes, Fort Valley, Ga.; E. L. Houser, Fort Valley, Ga.; E. J. Robeson, Asheville, N. C.; R. B. Brooks, Woodbury, Ga. Our Hall is nicely furnished, and we are at no inconvenience now about meeting. Dr. Haygood, our President, has very kindly allowed us to have a room in "Seney Hall," the new building, which is the pride and envy of all. Bro S. H. Bassett is our delegate to Congress, and will be certain to be on hand. I will try to send some subscriptions to the *Palm* soon. Send me the next issue.

Wishing you never ending success, I remain as ever,

Yours in A. T. Q,
SAM BOYKIN, Correspondent pro tem.
VIRGINIA BETA.

Editors Palm:—We expect to be fully represented at our Fraternity Congress. Bros. James Allen and Harry Campbell, of this chapter, are both going to Washington in time for the Congress, but I do not as yet know which will be the delegate, as that important officer has not been formally elected by the chapter. This matter shall be attended to at our next meeting, which will be next Saturday.

Your correspondent, under ordinary circumstances, would like to go to the Congress, as Washington is his home, but our intermediate examinations take place shortly before Christmas, and as he would not like to endanger his prospects of getting a degree, will not be able to be present with you at Congress. But no one in the wide world could possibly take a greater interest in our Fraternity than he does, and he will always do all that is in his power to contribute to its happiness and success.

We received to-day an urgent letter from our brother, Mr. Sylvanus Stokes, with regard to the chapter representation at Washington and the letter due from us to the *Palm*. I shall reply as soon as I have an opportunity.

We were greatly gratified to hear that the improvement of Bro. Glazebrook has been so rapid, and sincerely hope that it will not be long before he is entirely well.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

GEO. B. Anderson, Correspondent.

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MICHIGAN ALPHA-MU.

Editors Palm:—We have lately had several letters from our Brother Glazebrook in regard to Congress. These letters are always read in full meeting. We were glad of his return from Europe. While we have missed his fraternal messages and kind advice, we hope our loss has been his gain. We welcome him back to America and A. T. Q.

We have been busy ever since the term opened working for new men, and our efforts have been successful. We are about to initiate three freshmen. Our chapter has rented a Hall and is now engaged in furnishing it. It will be a great comfort and help when done.

Bro. Vandevort will represent this chapter at Congress, and we

are entirely satisfied to leave our interests in his hands.

One of us visited Penn. Alpha-Pi last September. They are splendid men, I think, and will no doubt do great credit to the Fraternity. They have a large Hall, and, like ourselves, are now engaged in furnishing it.

With earnest wishes for the great success of Congress,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

GEO. B. DEAKEN, Correspondent.

ALABAMA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Editors Palm:—The Alabama State Alumni Association held its second annual meeting at Auburn on the 29th of July last, and it being largely attended, there was a happy reunion of our beloved brothers, and a truer spirit of Alpha Tauism evinced than has ever before moved the hearts of Alabama members. J. S. N. Davis (Ala. A. E.), of Gold Hill, whose deep devotion to the principles of our Fraternity has been shown in his every effort, was elected Worthy Master; J. J. Banks (Ala. A. E.), of Hurtsboro', was elected Worthy Chaplain; W. H. Cunningham (Ala. A. E.), of Wood's Bluff, Worthy Keeper of Exchequer; Howard Lamar (Ala. A. E.), of Auburn, Worthy Keeper of Annals; G. A. Carden (Ala. A. E.), of Opelika, Worthy Scribe; W. H. Pearson (Ala. A. E.), of Hackneyville, Worthy Usher; and H. A. Jones (Tenn. Q.), of Huntsville, Worthy Sentinel.

The best feeling prevailed, and a firm determination to propagate the Fraternity could be seen in the countenance of every

member present.

We decided to give a ball at Opelika on the evening after the next annual meeting. Every Alabama Alpha Tau is earnestly solicited to be present, and nothing would afford us more pleasure than to see with us members from other Associations.

No special representative was elected for Congress, but suffice

it to say, we will have at least one.

Our State Association is comparatively small, and hence there is no reason why we should not be greeted at its next meeting with the presence of every member, as well as regaled by speeches from some of our talented orators. The connection of any man with the Ala. A. E. Chapter will undoubtedly cause him to exhibit zeal in furthering the progress of our noble cause, and an occasional revival of the glorious spirit of Alpha Tau Omega will enliven in his heart the grand and holy doctrines set forth in the Constitution of our Fraternity. Fine opportunities for advancing the cause are presented to Alpha Taus of no State in greater profusion than to those of Alabama. Now let us arouse the members of the Alabama State Alumni Association to give their most earnest attention to this work, and ere twelve months shall have elapsed the benign influence of our Fraternity will be noticeable in every institution in the State. When I reflect upon the golden opportunity we have of benefiting American colleges by planting in them the seed of Alpha Tauism, a cloud of sorrow shrouds my heart, because I know that our failure heretofore to accomplish the result is due solely to an insufficiency of attention, and the latter to the fact that our Alumni Association conventions are attended to such a limited extent that the spirit exhibited by the active chapter members has been subdued by the lapse of time. Many a college is yet without a chapter of our Fraternity simply because we have neglected to organize it. Now, Alabama Alpha Taus, I entreat you to exert yourselves, and when it becomes the pleasant duty of the next Scribe to communicate intelligence of our progress to the Palm, let the letter contain the news that no first-class college in our State is without a chapter of our Fraternity.

The third annual meeting of our Association will convene in

Auburn on the last Thursday in July, 1883. I am,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

GEO. A. CARDEN, Worthy Scribe.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.

[From R. L. Owen (Va. Beta, '74), Lawyer, Cherokee Orphan Asylum P. O., Indian Territory.]

Dear Brother:—Your postal of the 7th instant has been duly received and the welcome copy of the Alpha Tau Omega Palm. I enclose my subscription for it, and wish it all the success it so richly deserves.

The data you ask about myself are shortly summed. I joined Alpha Tau Omega in the fall of 1874, when I first entered Washington and Lee University. I stayed there three sessions, tak-

ing the degree of M. A.

My college honors were the President's Scholarship, given by the faculty to the closest student, the Debater's Medal of the Washington Literary Society, and the election to the position of

Valedictorian by the graduating class.

1877–'78 I lived at home in Lynchburg, Va.; 1878–'79 I taught in Baltimore, and from 1879 to 1881 I was Principal of the Cherokee Orphan Asylum, and have since leaving there been a member of the Board of Education of the Cherokee Nation, of which I am a citizen by blood. It may be of interest to you to know we have one hundred common schools and three high schools—each building about the size of the Virginia Military Institute—the Cherokee Male Seminary, the Cherokee Female Seminary and the Cherokee Orphan Asylum.

With kindest regards, I remain your brother in the bonds of

 A, T, Ω

Ro. L. OWEN.

[From Col. J. G. James (Va. Alpha, '65), Pres't State A. and M. College of Texas, College Station, Texas.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—Enclosed find \$1 in stamps for subscription to Palm.

Very hastily but faithfully yours,

JNO. G. JAMES.

[From Jno. F. Bruton (N. C. Alpha-Eta, '81), Teacher, Wilson Graded School, Wilson, N. C.]

Dear Sir and Brother:—I am very much obliged for the copy

of the *Palm* sent. Find enclosed \$1 for a year's subscription. Please don't judge me to be a dead member by my dereliction

of duty in not subscribing before. If there is anything dear to me on earth it is my Fraternity. It is useless to say that my heart was made glad when I saw accounts of the rapid strides it is making both North and South.

I wish it was so that I could write something of a letter for

the Palm-will do so anon.

From reports our Bro. Gilliam is making his mark as a lawyer. Yours in A. T. Q.,

JNO. F. BRUTON.

Fraternally,

W. P. ORR.

[From Addison I. Bacheller (N. Y. Alpha-Omicron, '82), Journalist, New York city.]

My Dear Brother:—It gives me pleasure to indite a brief note to you during a few hours of leisure which I have devoted to letter writing. Our Commencement season, in which our chapter won her share of the honors, has just ended. We initiated Prof. Pink at our last meeting, which was concluded with a banquet, and now our members, as well as all other students, have gone to their homes and the University buildings seem deserted. I suppose you are aware that I have graduated, and that the chapter will lose one weak but devoted man in consequence. I expect to engage in journalism in New York city. Our chapter has been booming. Since our establishment we have furnished our Hall, initiated three members, who are of the very best in the University, and now we are able to look back upon an expensive career, free from debt and with nearly \$75 in the exchequer. We "swung off" shortly after our establishment with the Madison Square Theatre of New York and made a handsome thing. So much has been said of Alpha Tau Omega here that Prof. Livingstone, of the orchestra, has composed an "Alpha Tau Omega" waltz, which is very popular at the college dances.

I want to congratulate you on the last issue of the Palm—it was well made up, and I found it exceedingly interesting. Long

live the Palm!

The chapter hopes to see some of you up here duing the next year. Bro. Chandler says he sent you a "Gridiron." You will notice that Prof. Pink was put down as an "honorary" member through the blunder of the editors. Again one of our brothers was President of the Thelomathesian Society during the fall term of the past year, a fact which, contrary to custom and justice, they neglected to mention. I will send herewith a report of our Commencement exercises. Hoping to receive good tidings of yourself and the Fraternity, I remain ever,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

Addison I. Bacheller.

[From S. H. LETCHER (Va. Alpha, '65), Lawyer, Lexington, Va.]

Dear Brothers:—Enclosed find \$1 for my subscription to the Palm. With press of matters I have allowed it to be neglected. When does the year commence? I wrote you in February, when I thought my time was about out, to renew my subscription. Please acknowledge.

Your friend,

S. H. Letcher.

[From J. A. BARKSDALE [N. C. Xi, '72), Chancery Court Clerk, Yazoo City, Miss.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—I enclose \$1 to pay subscription to Palm, which I always read with great pleasure. I wish to receive every number of it. This matter should have received earlier attention, but procrastination did its work, and I find myself derelict to the extent of three or four months' delay. However, relying upon the rich fruits of Alpha Tau teachings, I crave your fraternal pardon, and ask that charity's ample mantle be folded about me.

I suppose you have ere this heard from Bro. A. M. Payne, who is doing a fine mercantile business several miles above this

place on the Yazoo river.

I do not know a thing of any other brother of my own knowledge, but could tell you several things about others on information and belief. I believe all that is good, and very little that is bad.

I suppose Bro. Paul wishes only to *readjust* Virginia politics, and not Alpha Tau affairs; and in that I have no quarrel with him, unalterably devoted as I am to free thought and free speech. Please don't take this as an expression of opinion on politics. I have read of Bro. Paul, and refer to him with fraternal regard and respect.

I still hold the office of Chancery Clerk of this county, and will continue to hold it until the first Monday in January, 1884,

provided I continue to faithfully perform and discharge the duties of said office, and, need I say, provided I continue to live until that time. I don't care quite as much about continuing in office as I do about living.

With my sincerest, best wishes for you, yours, and our dear

Palm, I am, honored and beloved sir,

Yours in fraternal bonds,

JAMES A. BARKSDALE.

[From James R. Kemper (Va. Rho, '74), Stock Raiser, Fishersville, Va.]

Dear Brother:—I received the copy of the Palm some time since, for which accept thanks for your kindness, and I must beg you to excuse my tardiness this time. I can only plead a press of business, of which I have had almost too much recently. But I will endeavor to do much better in future, and herewith enclose you one year's subscription to the Palm, which you will please let commence with the first number of the present year, as I have gotten one copy already. You are engaged in a grand and noble work, and I wish you God-speed, and at any time that I can aid you in any manner I will be glad to do so. I would be very glad to get the new list of chapters and members' names as I feel a great interest in the Fraternity, as well as in a number of its members. I would most respectfully urge the great importance of thoroughly organizing the Alumni, as that part of the Fraternity, if active and thoroughly interested, can accomplish much good for the active members. I hope you will urge upon the Alumni the great importance of an early convention, that some definite plans may be considered for the good of the Society. I would think Lexington, Alexandria, Richmond or the University of Virginia would be suitable places in which to hold a convention of Virginia members, and if it cannot be called early in June, then in August or September of the present year. I am personally known to a considerable number of Alumni members, some men of prominence in the political world, and I would be glad to aid you in any manner in convening the Alumni at as early a date as possible. I think much can be done that will benefit and encourage the great and good work for which the Alpha Tau Omega was created. Hoping my suggestion may not be ill-timed and that I may hear from you soon, I remain, Yours in bonds of A. T. Ω .

J. R. KEMPER.

[From Walter T. Daniel (Va. Delta, '78), Lawyer, 146 Broadway, New York City.] Dear Brother:—Please send me the Palm, with back numbers.

Let this subscription commence where my last ceased, as I do not wish to lose a single link in our golden chain of progress.

Yours truly,

WALTER T. DANIEL.

[From S. B. THOMPSON (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '80), Manufacturer, Lake City, Fla.]

My Dear Brother:—Enclosed please find \$2 for the Palm. Would thank you to send me all the back numbers, beginning with the initial number (except No. 4, June, 1881, Vol. I.) It is impossible to go any longer without our sterling Journal-my heart is yearning for news of the Order.

Tell those brothers who are thinking of finding a new home, to investigate the inducements held out by our orange-growing

State, before making a final settlement.

With best wishes for the Palm and our beloved Order, and regards to yourself, I am,

Yours fraternally,

S. Boteler Thompson.

[From James E. Blackwell (Va. Phi, '75), Clerk Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., P. O., Alexandria, Va.]

Dear Brother: - Yours of the 7th instant came duly to hand, and I should have replied earlier, but other duties have been so pressing that I have not had time to do so.

I have not yet seen a copy of the Palm, and should like very

much to subscribe, but would like to see a sample copy first.

Your brother in A. T. Ω .

JAS. E. BLACKWELL.

[From W. A. Turk (Va. Epsilon, '69) Passenger Agent North Carolina Railroad, Raleigh,

Dear Brother: On my return from an extended southern trip, I am in receipt of two copies of the Palm. Thanks to you and Brother Stokes. These are the first I have received in a long time. Advise me when my subscription expires and I will renew it with great pleasure. I enjoy the Palm very much and don't wish to be without it.

With my very kind regards to yourself, and best wishes for

your very excellent work, I am

Yours very truly,

W. A. Turk.

[From E. A. QUINTARD (Tenn. Omega, '77), Assayer, Batopilas, Mexico.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—Last month I received another copy of the Palm, which was excellent, in my humble opinion, and I look forward to the reception of the next copy with great pleasure. I wrote you a letter some time ago-before receiving the last copy—asking why the Palm did not come, but owing to my work it was very hurriedly written, and I hope escaped publication. [We never received it.—EDS.] But I will try to write a letter for publication telling something of Batopilas, Mexican habits and customs, and give you an idea of the immensity of the companies with which I am connected as "Assayer," and will enclose the same with this if the coreo does not leave too soon.

Here the departure or arrival of a coreo (mail carrier) is a thing of great importance, as it only happens about once a month.

Hoping to receive the Palm very soon, I am, Yours in A. T. Q.,

E. A. QUINTARD.

P. S.—I asked my father to send on my subscription for the Palm along with his own, as the money here would be of little value to you.

E. A. Q.

[From John G. Williams (N. C. Alpha-Eta, '81), State National Bank, Raleigh, N. C.]

Dear Brother: - Your postal and the Palms to hand. I am sorry you did not have No. 1 of Vol. I. Do you know where I can get one? If you will let me know I will be much obliged.

I am a member of North Carolina Alpha-Eta; I had the honor

to become a member in September of last year.

Don't forget to let me know about No. 1. if you have any idea where I can get it, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN G. WILLIAMS.

[From Charles P. Jones (Va. Eta, '66), Lawyer, Monterey, Va.]

Dear Brothers:—The June number of the Palm, with the reminder that my subscription is in arrears, is received. you for the number and the reminder, and herewith enclose \$1. Truly and fraternally yours,

CHARLES P. JONES.

[From J. M. Heath (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '79), Principal Mt. Airy Academy, Waverly Hall, Ga.]

Dear Brothers:—Your card received. Have not received the Palm yet. However, I think you will receive my subscription soon, as I think it almost impossible for me to keep posted without the Palm.

I attended the A. and M. College of Alabama during the sessions of '79-'80 and '80-'81. Was one of the charter members of our chapter there. Taught the village school at Howard, Ga., in the fall of '81. This year I accepted the charge of this (Mt. Airy) Academy. Opened on 6th of February, and have a very good village school. Do not know that I need to add that I am studying medicine.

Bro. J. L. Willis (Va. Delta), of Talbotton, has been practicing law about two years, and promises to be a very able limb of that profession. Suppose you are acquainted with him. Please let me know the price of the catalogue when it is issued, as I want

one of them.

Hoping to hear from you again, I am, Fraternally,

J. M. HEATH.

[From Leonard Marbury (D. C. Upsilon, '74), Commonwealth's Attorney, Alexandria, Va.]

Dear Brothers:—The receipt of the Palm a few days ago again reminds me that I owe you a letter. I have been so situated for the last two or three months as to be unable to send you a communication from the Virginia Phi. The Palm is full of cheering news of the progress of our Fraternity, so much so that in reading it all the early ties of college life are brought vividly before me, and for the time I seem to live the old life over again. I note with pleasure the foothold we have gained in the North, and joyfully raise my voice in the cry, "Let the good work go on!" I am exceedingly sorry that unforeseen circumstances prevented me from being present at the meeting of the Virginia State Alumni Association on the 7th of June; the notice was too short to make arrangements. * * * * * I have had the first volume of the Palm bound and value it as

highly as any book in my library.

Fraternally yours,

LEONARD MARBURY.

[From H. CLAY JONES (Va. Eta, '66), Merchant, Washington, D. C.]

Dear Brothers:—Enclosed please find \$1 to pay for renewing my subscription to the Palm.

I hope it will reach you safely. *

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. CLAY JONES.

[From W. H. LAMAR, Jr. (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '79), U. S. Signal Service, Wilmington, N. C.]

Dear Brothers: - You will see from this that I have left Wash-

ington, D. C.

Could not stop in Richmond as I passed through, on account of limited time—so will not see you before Congress meets. Let me hear if there are any Alpha Taus here.

Will write you a letter when I get settled down to my work.

Fraternally and affectionately yours,

W. H. LAMAR, JR.

[From Iverson Branham (Ky. Omecron, '72), President Agricultural College, Hamilton, Ga.]

My Dear Brother Anderson: * * * * * * * I am suffering from an affliction, having been seriously injured in a railroad accident near Geneva, Ga., on last Saturday. The entire train was thrown from the track. My spine was badly hurt, and my right leg, I am afraid, rendered useless. I am lying on my back in bed and do not know when I shall get up. The accident occurred on the same road on which Bro. Glazebrook was injured, and within ten miles of the place. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Affectionately and fraternally yours,

IVERSON BRANHAM.

[Later advices give us reason to hope, we are happy to say, that our dear brother's injuries are not as serious as was at first feared.—Eps.]

[From Grant Green, Jr. (Ky. Mu, '82), Frankfort, Ky.]

Dear Brothers:—I enclose check on New York to pay for subscription for Palm one year.

In the last letter to the *Palm* from Ky. Mu Chapter we promised to let you know the honors our members received. I will in my

letter give them in brief:

J. P. Harris received medal for Third Division English and Second Division Mathematics; L. Ericson received medal for Second Division Mathematics; R. D. Smith received P. L. S. medal for First Declamation; S. W. Peeples and I graduated with the degree of A. B. If there were any other honors conferred on our members I do not remember them just now.

A. W. Overton, of Va. Alpha, '65, is bookkeeper in the National

Farmers Bank of Kentucky at this place.

With best wishes for the success of Alpha Tau Omega, I am, Yours fraternally,

GRANT GREEN, JR.

[From C. W. Wooley, Jr. (N. C. Xi, '75), Mt. Gilead, N. C.]

Dear Brothers:—I have subscribed for the Palm twice and sent you a donation of \$1. Would like to hear from you. I have never received a single copy since the specimen you sent me a year ago. Would like to have the June number containing the sketch of my brother's life by Bro. James A. Barksdale.

Fraternally,

C. W. Wooley, Jr.

[We assure Brother W. that his failure to receive the *Palm* is due to no fault of ours. The sketch of his lamented brother he will find in the present issue.—Eds.]

[From Francis H. Easby (Pa. Tau, 'S1), Draughtsman, Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, Pa. P. O. Media, Pa.]

Dear Brothers:—I have been very sick with typhoid fever, and consequently will have to postpone, and perhaps entirely forego, my visit to the South.

The Pa. Tau is doing finely, and all the boys want to be remembered to you. Tell Bro. Stokes to write to me. Please

write yourself when you can.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

Francis H. Easby.

MEMORIAL DEPARTMENT.

EDMUND DEBERRY WOOLEY.

(North Carolina Xi, '72.)

We owe it to our dead to collect and preserve the records of their lives. Impressed with this thought, I pen this brief sketch of the college life of our lamented brother Dr. Edmund D. Wooley, late of Edinboro', North Carolina. Brother Wooley matriculated at Trinity College, North Carolina, in the year 1870, and entered the Freshman class. At that time he was barely more than nineteen years of age. He was quiet, modest and entirely free from any desire of vain show, yet, richly endowed with mind and application, he soon took high rank in his class as a . student and scholar. His second year but served to strengthen the reputation which he won during his first, and its close found him ranking second in a class of forty, many of whom were men of gifted intellects. Early in this year he joined the North Carolina Xi Chapter of our beloved Order, then just established, and he was one of its most worthy and faithful members. He returned to college for the third year, but remained only half a session, during which time he continued to rapidly progress, giving every evidence that he would ultimately fulfill the expectations and hopes of his family and friends.

Though scarcely upon the threshold of manhood when he left college, Brother Wooley had already proved his character to be one of no ordinary mold. To press on and do the work to which he was called, seemed to be the aim of his efforts. He had a duty to perform, and nothing swerved him from the plain path. In all that he did he sought the approval of his own conscience as a richer reward than the plaudits of men. That he was emi-

nently true in all the relations of life, we, who knew him, must believe. His bearing and conduct showed forth the abundance of a heart full of noble impulses. As brother, friend and classmate he discharged every obligation which devolved upon him, and that, too, with a heartiness that bespoke a character of great generosity and truth. No brighter, better Alpha Tau ever enlisted under our banner. The shaft that pierced his heart took from us one of the noblest and truest of our band.

I cannot refrain from quoting the tribute of the president of the college to Brother Wooley: "He was competent to accomplish any noble and good work. He was prompt in attention to all college duties; conscientious and upright in the maintenance of law and order, and noble in all his aspirations. He was a fine sample of the higher order of young men striving for the highest places in excellence, but always with due consideration for the rights of others, and always by noble and honorable means. No cloud rests upon his memory in all the walks and ways of his college life."

On leaving college Bro. Wooley commenced the study of medicine, and, after a course of lectures, entered upon the practice of his profession at his old home. There, where he was best known, success soon crowned his efforts, and it was while in the enjoyment of a very lucrative practice he was stricken down by the fatal malady.

Bro. Wooley's life was full of hope and promise, and his death was a sad and crushing blow to those who loved him so well. Our only consolation is in the belief that our loss is his gain. Well and faithfully did he discharge the duties of life, and now, that the fitful fever is o'er, we know that his spirit has found its home—

"Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,
Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet."

JAMES A. BARKSDALE.

NECROLOGY.

Alfred Marshall (Va. Alpha).

J. C. J. Clay (Va. Beta).

T. W. Bond (Ky. Omicron).

Stephen Ranney (Ky. Mu).

J. L. Brower (N. C. Xi).

J. W. Whitfield (Ky. Omicron).

W. K. Smith (Ky. Mu).

J. A. Shaw (N. C. Xi).

Saunders Irby (Va. Delta).

T. G. Ivie (Tenn. Iota).

J. G. Blackmon (N. C. Xi).

B. A. Gray (Va. Delta).

T. W. Currin (Tenn. Iota).

W. S. Stephens (Tenn. Lambda).

D. T. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).

Walter T. Jones (—— Alpha-Delta).

John M. Armstrong (Va. Epsilon).

George Watson (Va. Alpha).

C. A. Ellett (Va. Alpha).

T. P. Crawford (Va. Rho).

George C. Humes (Va. Delta).

R. C. Ballentine (Va. Delta).

P. H. Lightfoot (Va. Alpha).

W. A. Langhorne (Va. Alpha).

T. H. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).

A. Strachan Jones (Va. Beta).

Isaac Paul (Va. Eta).

W. M. Reed (Tenn. Iota).

Samuel Hill (Tenn. Gamma).

E. G. McClanahan (Tenn. Theta).

E. D. Wooley (N. C. Xi).

Vernon Via (Va. Delta).

Frank W. Walker (Va. Alpha).

W. T. Burdett (Va. Delta).

T. C. Lumpkin (Tenn. Lambda).

T. B. Edmiston (W. Va. Zeta).

A. O. Battle (Tenn. Lambda).

D. C. McKay (Ky. Mu).

J. C. Kinckle (Va. Beta).

J. R. McD. Irby (Va. Delta).

J. A. Crichton (Va. Alpha).

E. C. Mix (Va. Epsilon).

E. D. Campbell (Va. Beta).

W. B. Seawell, Jr. (Ky. Mu).

B. F. Atkinson (Ala. A. E.). John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta).

Adrian Fleming (N. C. Xi).

John C. Janney (Va. Epsilon).

Gilbert D. Wilkinson (Va. Delta).

P. H. Clarke (Va. Delta).

W. T. Brock (Tenn. Lambda).

Jos. D. Addison (Va. Phi).

NOTE.—The members whose names are found in the above list have been reported to our WOITHY GRAND KEEPER OF ANNALS as deceased; but the particulars as to the time, place or cause of death are known in the case of only a few of them. Members and others who possess such information, or who know of other cases of death among the members of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY are earnestly requested to correspond with the Editors of this Journal—to the end that we may add to our other Annals a full and accurate register of our Dead.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

GREEK NEWS.

- -Phi Delta Phi is a law Fraternity.
- Sigma Chi has twenty-two chapters.
- -Beta Theta Pi has forty-three college chapters.
- —Theta Psi has reorganized at Harvard with good material.
- —Phi Gamma Delta has organized at the University of Wooster.
- —Beta Theta Pi has entered Union College with eleven men.
- —Chi Phi lately established a chapter at the University of Michigan.
- —Chi Phi still insists she is the oldest American College Fraternity.
- —Delta Tau Delta claims to have 500 members in the State of Ohio.
- —Nu Sigma Nu, a new medical Fraternity, has been established at Ann Arbor, Mich.
- —Delta Kappa Epsilon has withdrawn the charters from her chapters at Chicago and Asbury Universities.
- —Alpha Tau Omega's chapter, which was revived at Ky. Mil. Inst., is in a prosperous condition.—The Scroll.
- —Delta Tau Delta established a chapter at Asbury University on June 12th, which was kindly received by the other Fraternities there.
- —Alpha Tau Omega established during the past year fourteen chapters, mostly in the North. The Palm promises two more before its next issue.—The Sigma Chi.
- —We hear that A. T. Q. wishes to organize at Allegheny. We would gladly welcome a chapter of our enterprising sister of the South.—*The Crescent*.

We thank you for your kind words, but we think we have a sufficient number of chapters in Pennsylvania for the present.

- —The Alpha Gamma Fraternity was founded at Cumberland University, Tenn., 1867. Of a total of twenty-one chapters established, only nine were in existence in 1880. On March 10th the Alpha chapter at Washington and Jefferson was absorbed by the A. T. Q. The remaining chapters will probably follow the Alpha and become members of A. T. Q.—The Crescent.
- —"A. T. Q. seems to be flourishing. They have initiated one or two new men since our last, and their membership now numbers eight. The prospects are that amicable relations will soon be established between them and ourselves, and it may be that such action will be necessitated."

The above is from *The Crescent's* correspondent at a *sub rosa* chapter in Ohio. Since it was written the relations between the two chapters, we learn, have become most cordial.

—"Phi Kappa Psi has her history ready for the printer's hands, and is only awaiting sufficient subscriptions for the book to warrant its publication. There is a wide-felt movement in the Fraternity to make a change in her system of government, which will probably take definite shape by the next meeting of the Grand Arch Council."

We clip the above from the July number of *The Chi Phi Quarterly*.

—It may be long before this Pan-Hellenic Council convenes, but we shall certainly expect to see much good come from it. The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* puts it well when it says: "Since a conversation can do no harm, and may result in the greatest good to the Greek world."—The Phi Gamma Delta.

How we wish we had your "Devil" by the nose. What we did say was: Such a convention can do no harm, &c.

—The greatest harmony of feeling exists between our sister Fraternity, A. T. Ω ., and ourselves at Sewanee. There is no unkind rivalry, but each feels that it has in the other "a foeman worthy of its steel." Such should always be the feeling between Fraternities, and it is only when such feeling does exist that true Fraternity principles can be carried out.—The Record of Σ . A. E.

We rejoice to know that this is true.

—We extract the following from a letter to *The Crescent*:

"We think Iota Beta has made more real advancement this year than ever before. The chapter is substantial and solid in its work. This is, to a great extent, the result of the establish-

ment of a chapter of A. T. Q. at Adrian. Here we would say that we find A. T. Q. a good companion for A. T. A. at Adrian. There has been none of the bickerings common to Fraternities among us. As far as I. B. is concerned we cherish friendly relations with A. T. Q."

—Alpha Tau Omega continues her work of rapid extension. An Alpha-Nu chapter was established sub rosa in Ohio since our last issue, and an Alpha-Xi at the University of Arkansas. In addition, the Fraternity journals mention that a chapter has been placed at Troy Polytechnic. We can only view with wonder this rapid stretching of fraternal bonds, and in wishing our Greek friends well, we cannot forbear to add the caution that extension is not always progress.—Beta Theta Pi.

We thank you, friend Baird, for your kind wishes as well as your caution. We have no chapter at Troy Polytechnic Institute, but we have stretched our "fraternal bonds" elsewhere with remarkable success since you penned the above.

-The Chi Phi Quarterly for July says of Beta Theta Pi:

"She was quite unfortunate recently in having had all her effects stolen from the chapter at Denison University, O. It seems that some one got possession of the constitution, ritual, form of initiation, and all the records of the chapter, during the temporary absence from town of the member who had charge of these things. The Betas tried to keep the matter quiet, but it leaked out through anonymous communications and posters. We had hoped that the day of such proceedings had long since passed by."

If the above is true, it behooves every Greek in good standing at Denison University, of whatever name, to unite with our Beta friends in the effort to trace the scoundrel who committed the crime and see that he receives his just punishment.

—At a called meeting of the various chapters of the Fraternities represented at the Kentucky Military Institute, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That for the period of six weeks from the opening day of school we obligate ourselves not to approach any non-Fraternity men, or to speak to them of Fraternity matters (time to expire Sunday night, October 15th, at 12 o'clock).

"Resolved, That we hold hereafter a semi-annual union meet-

ing-the first on Saturday night before Commencement.

"Resolved, That these resolutions be published in every alternate issue of the K. M. I. News during the six weeks above referred to.

J. H. Young, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, S. W. Peeples, Alpha Tau Omega, C. W. Fowler, Chi Phi,

—"This time-limitation will quickly shift our thoughts from the quantitative to the qualitative feature of our increase; and the elevation of tone and purity of desire consequent upon this change of standpoint will have an inspiriting effect throughout the Fraternity mass." Such is the thought of the Alpha Tau Omega Palm, and it is true. Six, eight or ten weeks is a short time in which to discover the tendencies of any college pupil's nature. The degradation of a Fraternity by early and importunate solicitations of individuals "to join" is marked. Secret Fraternities must exhibit a higher regard for public opinion on such questions. It were well if Fraternities were solicited, and not soliciting—as is the case with free masonry.

Said a Fraternity member [An Alpha Tau.—Eds. Palm]: "We will keep the chapter pure, even if it be at the cost of its life." That is the spirit which in practice secures the very best results.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

—The A. Δ . Φ . catalogue has been completed and presented to the Fraternity. It is a richly bound volume of 800 pages. It opens with a list of the chapters. The fifty prefatory pages that follow give a brief sketch of the Fraternity's growth, a list of conventions, a bibliography of the society and a chronology. The chapter records and membership make up the body of the book. The chapter lists consist of the charter members, followed by the full membership, arranged by classes. If a member failed to complete his college course, or if dead, it is indicated; while subjoined to each name is an outline of bearer's history beginning with his present occupation—all these facts are given in a brief and concise manner. Following the chapter lists is the military service of A. Δ . Φ . in the rebellion. An accurate and complete geographical distribution then follows. An alphabetical list of the Fraternity, a summary of occupations, an appendix of corrections, and an index of the whole complete the volume.—The Crescent of A. T. A.

—Sigma Alpha Epsilon held her Convention in Augusta, Ga., June 28th and 29th. The attendance was good—there being some seventy-five or more members present, and in every way

it seems to have been a success. Much interest and enthusiasm were manifested by the members, and measures were adopted which not only insure the continued life of the Fraternity, but an enlargement of its borders and a greater zeal in promoting its interests. The resident members in Augusta spared no pains to make the visit of their brothers pleasant as well as profitable; and every visitor carried home with him the recollection of pleasures enjoyed and fraternal courtesies received at the hands of the Augusta members that will long survive. Great interest was shown in the Fraternity's official organ—*The Record*, and it was resolved to make it even more useful and potent as a factor in Fraternity life and progress by incorporating into it various changes and improvements at an early day.

The Rev. J. H. Young, Ph. D., a professor in the Kentucky Military Institute, was elected Editor-in-Chief, and given a large and able corps of assistants. From all we hear the mantel of our distinguished friend, the late Editor-in Chief, whose resignation of his office caused us keen regret, has fallen on one altogether worthy to wear it; and we feel that we can wish him no greater honor than to be esteemed as good an editor and as true an Σ . A. E. as was his predecessor.

—Alpha Delta Phi's Semi-Centennial Convention met on the morning of May 16th in the Grand Commandery Hall of the Masonic Temple, New York city. There were three hundred members present at most of the sessions. The Hon. John Jay, President of the Fraternity, presided at the sessions, whose proceedings were remarkable for the deep interest evinced by graduate members whose active chapter work ended twenty or more years ago.

The Semi-Centennial catalogue—a work remarkable for fullness and accuracy—was presented to the Convention by the zealous and indefatigable committee which had been charged with its compilation. This catalogue stands *alone*—for there has never been another comparable to it in the qualities that make such a

work valuable. The proposed edition will comprise one thousand copies, all having been subscribed for "before the presses moved," and the committee expects to show a balance in hand of \$1,200 after the whole edition has been delivered. The price of the work was \$3.

The great feature of the convention was the "Symposium" at the Academy of Music on the evening of the first day's meeting. A large and brilliant audience was present, and a band of music helped to enliven the occasion.

The subject for the evening was "Fifty Years Progress in Literature, in Collegiate Education, in Science, in our Political System, and in Morals," and the speakers were the Hon. John Jay, Donald G. Mitchell, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs, the Rev. Dr. Roswell D. Hitchcock, Prof. Merrill E. Gates, and the Hon. A. Q. Keasbey.

On the afternoon of the second day, on the invitation of the New York Alumni, the members of the convention made an excursion up the Hudson river, which was not the least enjoyable feature of the great convention.

The Semi-Centennial Exercises were closed with a banquet at Delmonico's on the evening of the third day. Tickets were in such demand that all, to the number of three hundred, were disposed of more than a week before the evening of the dinner, and no fewer than seventy applicants for seats at the table had to be refused on account of want of room.

The usual toasts and speeches—interspersed with the strains of lively music from the Seventh Regiment band—were in order at this festive gathering, and the scene of joy and mirth continued far into the night. So passed, so ended Alpha Delta Phi's great Convention. May she celebrate many more such semi-centennials.

KIND WORDS FROM OTHER GREEKS.

[From The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi.]

The Palm of Alpha Tau Omega shows such frank enthusiasm over the work and success of its own Order, and such sincere cordiality towards all other Fraternities, that it has won a hearty welcome wherever the rustling of its leaves has been heard. We are pleased to announce that by a special arrangement the Palm will be sent regularly to each of our chapters in the future, beginning with the current number, which is the first of the second volume. We trust that this will prove a novel and interesting addition to the list of magazines in each chapter's reading rooms. During the past year A. T. Q. has established the unprecedented number of fourteen new chapters, many of them in prominent northern institutions.

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Two or three weeks ago we, the exchange editor, chanced to pass through the city of Richmond, Virginia, and while there called upon the editor-in-chief of the A. T. Q. Palm. Nothing could exceed the kindly welcome with which the representative of The Star and Crescent was received, not only in the sanctum, but in the hospitable southern home of our editorial brother. If the suggested Pan-Hellenic Council should do no more than bring together a few choice spirits like the assiduous cultivators of the Palm or the reverend founder of their Fraternity, whom we learned to know and to esteem, it could not fail to be a success in every way.

[From The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.]

The Alpha Tau Omega Palm, published at Richmond, Va., issued four times per annum, is certainly one of the most com-

plete periodicals of the kind published in the country.

The suggestion of the editor on "The Repeal of Anti-Fraternity Laws" meets with our hearty approbation. Let all college-seat Fraternities unite—and the law is changed. There is no manner of doubt on the subject. In such union there would be strength—a force that could not be successfully resisted. Bring up the subject before the High Council and your Fraternity. Let them formulate a plan of action of such nature that will command the aid of all Fraternities. We suggest that each Fraternity elect one representative to a General Convention, to meet somewhere to secure union.

This Fraternity has six chapters in Virginia, three in Tennessee and Georgia, one in Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, Oregon, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Michigan, Maryland and Arkansas, two in Pennsylvania and New York.

[From The Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.]

In the last Palm a historical account of $A. T. \Omega$, is given. The society was founded in the city of Richmond, Va., September 11, 1865, by Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, A. Marshall, and E. M. Ross. The Fraternity at first was confined to the South, but recently has established a number of chapters in the North and West. The roll now embraces thirty-seven chapters, of which twentynine are living and eight are dead. The most recent additions are Mount Union College, O.; Arkansas Industrial University; Oregon State Agricultural College, and Southwestern Presbyterian University, Tenn. The government of the Fraternity is vested in three departments, viz.: 1. A Congress composed of delegates from the chapters. 2. The Grand Officers and a High Council chosen by the Congress. 3. A Worthy High Chancellor. The badge is a maltese cross, but a monogram pin is often worn by alumni. The next Congress will be held at Washington, D. C., December 27, 1882.

We congratulate the editors of the Palm on their last issue.

[From ————, Esq., Editor-in-Chief of ———.]

When does the Palm come out again? Am anxiously await-

ing its arrival.

Would be glad to hear from you. Hastily yours, &c.,

THE VOICE OF THE GREEK PRESS.

Good Advice to Chapter Correspondents.

[From Beta Theta Pi.]

The correspondence of a chapter is taken as the index of the character of the chapter itself. The corresponding secretary should be chosen with reference both to his literary and execu-

tive ability. There is nothing that so favorably impresses the reader of chapter letters and semi-annuals as a dignified and earnest tone. Gushing self-laudation does not elevate a chapter in the eyes of any one. There has been too much of this in the past in our chapter correspondence, and we have observed a like tendency in the published letters of other Fraternities. Yet we are bound to say that there can be noted a marked improvement in the tone of our correspondence within the past two years.

A Remarkable Spectacle.

[From The Chi Phi Quarterly.]

Several weeks ago New York City witnessed the extraordinary spectacle of more than a score of men, eminent in public life, gathered together to do honor to the fiftieth anniversary of their college Fraternity. Alpha Delta Phi numbers among her members such men as the Hon. John Jay, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs, the Rev. Dr. R. D. Hitchcock, Donald G. Mitchell (Ik Marvel), Professor Merrill E. Gates, the Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks and his brother, the Rev. Arthur Brooks, Professor Theodore W. Dwight, Joseph H. Choate, Clarence A. Seward, Dr. Van Norman, Col. Charles Sprague, Talcott Williams, William Van Arsdale, Roger M. Sherman, John N. Whiting, and others equally prominent. All these, and many more, attended the recent convention of their old college Fraternity. And what a source of gratification, as well as inspiration, must it have been to Alpha Delta Phi, as she saw these gray-haired sons gathered together from all quarters to celebrate her semi-centennial! Surely the event is a standing rebuke to those fogy educators who decry our American college Fraternities, holding up their hands in holy horror as they contemplate the mischief they have wrought in the past, and are still accomplishing in the world of letters. Forsooth, they have nourished such men as those mentioned above, with many more equally great, but scattered among the various other Fraternities! Nay, they have tolerated such men as Jefferson and Hanchett, who were lately invested with the mantle of oratory, both in the State and Inter-state Oratorical contests of our Western colleges! Who can tell what greatness is yet concealed within the darkness of their sacred shrines? It verily looketh as though the day were fast approaching when these enlightened (?) educators of the nineteenth century will have to creep into holes, and pull the holes in after them, in order to escape the haunting shadows of their own greatness.

But the day of opposition to College Fraternities is, at any rate, fast passing away, and the desirability of these organizations seems to be no longer questioned in some of our best institutions of learning. This result has been brought about by the enlistment of such men as those mentioned above in the active work of the Fraternity. Secrecy is the smallest part of these organizations, as was always maintained by her defenders, over against the attacks of open enemies. But there is just enough of this secrecy to add zest to the social and in some cases literary qualities which are mainly fostered by such institutions as our American College Greek Letter Societies. * * * * * *

"The South."

[From The Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.]

Prostrated and paralyzed, as were all the industries of the South by the civil war, it can well be conceived that her institutions of learning passed not unscathed through that fiery trial. Many of her time-honored colleges were compelled to close their doors; others dragged on a precarious existence. In her better days several of the best Fraternities of the North had large and prosperous chapters in the leading colleges of the South. The majority of these either died with the decay of the colleges or were withdrawn by their respective societies. But a new era has come. The abyss which has separated North and South is gradually growing narrower, business prosperity, with all its blessings, is penetrating every part of the South. Her colleges have also received the stimulus of the new life. Northern benevolence has added immense sums to their endowments. Again they are arising in their old-time strength and vigor, and again they are exerting the power which they once wielded. Very naturally the attention of Northern Fraternities is once more being attracted toward so promising a field, for the possession of which so many strong and able competitors will, in the near future, be contending. Soon every first-class Southern college will be crowded with Fraternities, and it behooves those who would establish in such colleges to be up and doing.

The question is often asked, why is Δ . T. Δ , originally a Southern Fraternity, not better represented in territory which naturally belongs to her? Why has not more attention been paid in the past to extension in that direction? These questions are very pertinent, and are worthy the attention of every true Delt.

It is to be regretted that the South has been so thoughtlessly

overlooked in the past, but that regret will accomplish nothing. What is most needed now is strong, earnest, persistent work. It may be said that the difficulties to be overcome are great, and our means but little. But we answer that Δ . T. Δ . has never proved unequal to a crisis.

"Some Parting Admonitions."

[From The Phi Gamma Delta.]

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Again, we have learned that it does not pay to be selfish, so far as sister Fraternities are concerned, and especially should we be deterred from doing any of them a mean trick. We may suffer defeat at their hands, but it must be borne in mind that there is a common interest to sustain and antagonisms should not be carried so far as to prevent united action; besides, to be envious is to be mean spirited, and this brooks no good. We do not believe in deception to sustain custom. We believe the best course is a straight forward course, condemning evils wherever they appear, even in your own chapter, and in no case make an effort to shield them. The idea that the Fraternity is to protect its members, good or bad, is a false one, and nothing injures it more than endeavoring to carry out these principles. Its work is to encourage and cultivate rectitude, and when it fails to do this its mission is perverted.

We have learned that one of the most detestable features of a Fraternity is a boasting spirit, endeavoring to persuade every one that yours is the only one and that all others are mere nonentities. Closely allied to this spirit is the immodest one of always endeavoring to elevate your brother, competent or incompetent, to place over all others no matter how worthy. Be generous in your congratulations where merit deserves even though the victor be your strongest rival, and you cannot help but command admi-

ration and respect.

Lastly, a word to the Corresponding Editors. To you is given the work of keeping your brothers at other colleges informed of all matters of interest in your college, through the medium of the journal. You must bear in mind that whatever you write will be read by other than your own brothers, hence be especially accurate in your statements, reasonable in your criticisms, and never *gushing* cor.cerning your own chapter. We have read chapter letters that were so full of this latter objec-

tionable feature that we were inclined to believe the chapter did not exist at all save in the mind of its Corresponding Editor.

Some attention given to these few suggestions may prove beneficial and advance the interests of the Fraternity in general.

"College Secret Fraternities."

By Colonel R. D. ALLEN, Sup't K. M. I.

[From The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.]

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It is in the fact that Christianity makes life a preparation for an unknown future that we have the source of its great influence in elevating our race in its temporal relations. A present sacrifice, felt to be such at the time suffered, to secure a future benefit, is one of the evidences of a developed personality. These Secret College Fraternities exercise their members in foresight to a surprising extent. One of the essential facts on which they are founded is the future—conduct must be immortal to idealize fully and adequately the fraternity. These facts have been demonstrated to us by the results. We have "seen" and must "believe." For several years we congratulated ourself, thinking that we did this work. We could but see the growth—it was easily First we observed that the most marked cases were generally members of these fraternities; but not a suspicion that those organizations ever aided in this work entered our mind. We thought these young gentlemen are members of these fraterternities because they are of this character. But in too many instances they became members of these organizations before these marked changes took place. Closer observation taught us that in great measure these fraternal unions were doing this splendid work. Nor is this influence confined to the membership, but extends to every one with whom the membership associate, and to some extent to all.

Do you ask how it is possible for these fraternities to produce such effects? There is needed so much experience and observation to understand our answer that we do not know if it will appear clear to the reader.

First. The whole system revolves about a group of principles,

more or less perfect, embodied in a constitution.

Second. Every individual member has possible to him the performing the identical functions of every other.

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Third. This function is the realization in every-day life of the principles embodied in the constitution.

Fourth. These facts require actual independence in the action

of every member.

Fifth. In the thought of brotherhood and its practice, they possess the central idea of Christianity.

Sixth. The principles are not limited in application to the mem-

bers, but extend to all.

We do not pretend to say that these facts exist without limitations, or that these societies have arrived at a consciousness of them, but insist that they are the well-determined tendencies of these unions.

Are they not then, in a strong sense, personal unions? Do they not possess nearly all the conditions essential to the production of the most beneficent results—not only as to effect upon

their own membership, but also others as well?

All very well as a theory, but how about the practice? The practice is not perfect, but is more perfect than among men in their corresponding secret societies. We are persuaded that boys as boys are better than men as men. We are heretical enough to deny the doctrine of total depravity so far as its practical application is concerned. The contrary is the law of nature, the persistent effect of which is toward the higher, and the human race is no exception to the law. Think of the fact that inexperienced girl-mothers and boy-fathers are charged with the responsibility of rearing the young of our race; and yet, notwithstanding parental ignorance, the young prosper physically and mentally. These Secret College Fraternities are child-parents to children—precisely the best adapted to bring into active exercise all the nobler impulses of nature. "Grandparents ruin the child." Complete the figure, the truth admits of it.

We have more than exhausted our space, and close with the remark that the young college student is fortunate who attracts and is attracted by these fraternities. They are not free from evils or dangers—nothing human is—but, nevertheless, they furnish a field for the exercise of some of the most important of the

human faculties.

"The Duty to His Age of the American Scholar*."

[From The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi.]

Gentlemen and Brothers:—The broad splendor of our country, the grandeur of this Republic, victorious, united and free, with our sectional troubles disposed of, as we trust, forever, is a theme which fascinates even strangers, as they view its gigantic industries and trade, its discoveries and inventions, its advances in science, its popular progress in education, its stupendous enterprises with sudden and colossal wealth, which make our record read less like the result of actual statistics than like a tale of fiction surpassing in its marvels the unfettered luxuriance of an

Eastern imagination.

What the fifty years since the birth of our Fraternity have done for America in morals, literature, science, collegiate education, and politics, you will hear from distinguished gentlemen whose own careers have eminently fitted them for the task. The brilliant picture they will present of the majestic march of American civilization, with all that it has of hope and promise for the world, will enhance to you as scholars the importance of noting, with that prudence which is the mother of safety, the various dangers which are occupying the minds of thoughtful citizens as they recognize the fact that while the wealth and power of the government have increased, there has increased also the temptation to wrest the government to partisan ends, and, by treating offices of trust as the spoils of party, to degrade our politics and pervert our government—national, state and municipal—into a scheme of intrigue and of plunder.

Our scholars see that in this western land, unclogged by the rubbish of the past, and with a new basis of equal freedom and Christian civilization, human nature remains unchanged; and that forces as subtle and unscrupulous as ever assailed the empires of Europe threaten to-day the institutions of America.

Our citizens hear again the beseeching entreaties of Washington to beware of foreign influence—they hear the voice of Congress in the last century, when, legislating for our mighty West, it declared that "religion, morality and knowledge are necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind"—they are reminded of the fundamental principle that, with all freedom of religion that is consistent with public morality and the safety of the Commonwealth, there shall be a complete and eternal sepa-

^{*} Conclusion of the Hon. John Jay's opening address at the Semi-Centennial celebration of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.

ration of Church and State, with no stirring up of religious strife by sectarian grants, sectarian legislation, or sectarian meddling

with our politics or our public schools.

When such teachings of the Fathers are disregarded, as they now are, the injunction given to the dictators of Rome applies with more sacred force to this Fraternity and its sister associations of the scholars of America, that they see to it that no harm comes

to the Republic.

The injunction comes to us with more weight than to the Romans—for Rome might sink, as she did, under luxury, patronage and corruption, and the world still advance in Christian civilization—but should the American Republic fall, undermined by partisan corruption and foreign influence, what hope would remain to the nations of the world of the permanent establishment of American principles?

By what fitter tribute to the founders of our Brotherhood can we mark this fiftieth anniversary than by a resolve that in every well-directed effort for the reform of our civil service, and for the maintenance in their purity of American principles and American institutions, the country may rely upon the earnest and scholarly

assistance of the Fraternity of the Alpha Delta Phi?

Testimony of the Hon. I. M. Jordan, Associate Founder of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

[From The Sigma Chi.]

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But it may not be improper to say a few words in regard to other secret societies similar to our own. Sometimes a spirit of ill-will exists between such societies. This is a foolish and serious mistake. The different societies should be rivals, but not enemies. The Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and all other secret societies should be friends. They all have similar aims and purposes. They are important agencies in college life in educating and developing young men. They encourage them to hard study, to a manly deportment, to moral habits, to devotion to duty. They should cultivate a warm and generous friendship for each other, and the members of each should remember that it is not the shape nor size nor color of a pin that makes a gentleman.

There is a prejudice in some quarters, not very extensive, I believe, against college secret societies. I received a letter a few

days ago from Lafayette, Indiana, from Wilbur F. Severson, a prominent young lawyer of that State, and a brother Sigma Chi, in which he stated that the President of Purdue University, in that State, had been the means of having the Faculty of that col-

lege make the following regulation:

"No student is permitted to join or be connected as a member, or otherwise, with any so-called Greek or other college secret society; and, as a condition of admission to the University, or promotion therein, each student is required to give a written pledge that he or she will observe this regulation. A violation of this regulation and pledge forfeits the right of any student to class promotion at the end of the year and to an honorable dismissal."

I deny the authority of any public institution to pass or make any such regulation. It is an unreasonable, unwarrantable and illegal interference with the rights of college students. It imposes an unlawful obstacle to the entrance into college, and it demands consent to such regulation upon the pain and penalty of a forfeiture of a right that belongs to every man that enters college—the right of promotion, for honorable and meritorious conduct. The legality or illegality of a college society does not depend upon the question whether it is a secret society or otherwise. Secrecy can have nothing to do with the question whether such a society should be permitted to exist or not. The society may be open and yet it may be vicious. It may be secret and be based on high principles and have noble aims to accomplish. Does secrecy make unlawful or objectionable such societies as Odd-Fellows, Free Masons, or one thousand and one similar organizations? Suppose the Legislature of the State were to pass a law abridging the rights of any citizen because he was a member of such a secret society, would the courts uphold such an act? Would it have any validity whatever? On the contrary it would be declared invalid by common consent and the common judgment of mankind.

Literary societies in college are a most important part of college education. Secret societies in college organized for purposes such as ours, have existed in this country from its earliest history. They exist by no sufferance or acquiescence, but as a matter of absolute right. They are a part and parcel of college life in this country. The common law of university life protects

them.

I do not know who constitute the Faculty of Purdue University, nor how high the college ranks. But I know that the stu-

dents of the leading universities of this country would never subscribe to such a regulation as that above named. The young men of our colleges are not slaves. They are free-born, the sons of American citizens. They have great duties to perform and they have correspondingly large rights and privileges in which

the law will protect them.

I have no doubt that this action of Purdue College will drive the better class of students from the State to other colleges where they will find a spirit of liberality prevailing, more consistent with the genius of our free institutions. I am opposed to such regulations as these, because I regard them as humiliating to the student, as inimical to the best interests of the university where it is attempted to enforce them. Not only do I believe that secret societies have a right to exist in colleges, but I believe that they will be found productive of great good and of little or no evil.

I would ask of the leading graduates of our colleges whether they have not found societies of this kind not only pleasant and agreeable, but profitable and beneficial in many ways. I would ask of the Faculties of the leading universities whether they have not found them valuable aids and adjuncts of college life. I would ask whether they have not found among secret society men, some of the most moral and upright and gifted graduates

of their institutions.

A secret society man myself, I have felt it not improper upon this occasion to give expression to my views upon this subject, and in which I know I have your full and hearty concurrence.

MISCELLANY.

A VOICE FROM MEXICO.

Assay Office, H. S. M., Batopilas, Mexico.

Editors Palm:—Before giving you a description of this place it would probably be well to say where it is, as very few of the readers of the Palm have ever heard of it.

Batopilas is in the southwestern part of Chihuahua State, on the western slope of the Sierra Madre, situated on the right bank of the Batopilas river, and enclosed by mountains 4,000 feet high. It is a large mining camp of three thousand inhabitants, consisting of one street about a mile in length and in places very wide; the houses are the same as all the Mexican adobe houses. Looking down the street you see on one side a solid adobe wall, broken only by openings for doors (frequently there are only curtains) and windows, the latter like prison windows with iron bars. The monotony on the other side of the street is broken by the "Cathedral," which has no roof and is a complete wreck. Altogether, the town has a very unprepossessing appearance, especially when the streets are lined with "mescalites" (men drunk on "mescale"), Indians and cut-throats—(probably cut-throats is the wrong word, as they never cut anywhere but in the back.) The laboring class are called Peous, and are the most wonderful people in existence; they are the most hardy and can carry greater weights on their head and shoulders than any other race of people. But their greatest gift is laziness; when a Mexican has money enough to buy tortillas and frijoles nothing can persuade him to work, and if it were not for the universal gambling there would be men working one week and none the next.

Their religion is strictly observed, especially the rule which does not permit them to work on any Saint or fast day; and, by

the way, they have about 218 days set aside as such. The priest has great control over them because he keeps a store and sells crosses and charms blest by him, but especially because he sells them "mescale" (a kind of whiskey stronger than Jersey chained-lightning) and tobacco on credit, and in this country when a man owes you anything he is in your power if he is unable to pay the debt. In this place a man can buy boys or women and treat them as household property. Most decidedly the Mexicans are of the lowest grade, though of course there are one or two decent families; still the quotation is true, that of this place the "men are without honor, women without virtue, flowers without perfume, and birds without song."

I have said enough against the country, now let me turn to the best part, that is its mineral wealth. It is without doubt the wealthiest district in the world, but silver is the only precious metal found in large quantities. The company in which I hold a position controls 20 mines-mostly native silver-three of which are just now in "Bonanzito," sending out ore valued at from \$10,000 to \$18,000 per ton called first-class, and second class valued at from \$700 to \$10,000. These figures may seem incredible, but if you could see the massive pieces of silver that are taken out of the mine they would be easily believed. Frequently the ore is so rich that it can't be passed through the mill, but is put into a crucible and smelted down without going through the process of amalgamating. Native silver is found in every shape—sheet, nails, wire, rat silver, &c. -- and frequently it is found in the most beautiful forms and joined on to white crystals of calcspar, making very pretty cravat pins, &c.

Hacienda San Miguel, one mile from Batopilas, on the opposite side of the river, is probably one of the finest in Mexico, being a tremendous building with a fine, large mill around it, and surrounded by massive walls.

Gov. Alex. R. Shepherd, one of the ablest and best men of the day, in spite of all the false and unjust reports that are circulated

about him, has control of the whole business in the capacity of Vice-President and General Manager of the Consolidated Batopilas Silver Mining Company. He is assisted by Mr. Lyndon H. Stevens, another able gentleman, and the two together—one as manager and the other as lawyer—have overcome all the difficulties connected with the erection of a mining plant in this valley—not an easy matter when you think that every article in the way of machinery, food, timber, &c., had to be brought about 300 miles on mule-back; however, since the Mexican Central Railway has been completed, the trip on mule-back has been reduced from about 17 to 7 days.

The Spanish, or more properly the Mexican, language's picked up readily by some, but when a fellow thinks he is "way up" and tries it, the poor greasers fairly stagger under some of the words. I speak from experience.

One more custom before I close, and that is the mode they have of washing clothes. A woman carries a "batea" full of clothes to the river to wash them, she puts them in the river and covers them with stones to keep them from being carried away, then looks around for a comparatively flat rock; when one is found she gets the garments and first beats them on the flat rock, then she applies a little soap and gives them another beating worse than the first, and then another soaking and the work is done; buttons are nowhere, sleaves come in separately for the convenience of the wearer, and the man to whom the clothes belongs is a wreck.

I hope I have not written too much, but for fear of damaging the *Palm* I close.

Yours in A. T. Ω ., "Greaser."

A TALE OF THE CALIFORNIA MINES.

- "Watch the game, Jim, it's getting late,
 Your hand's as slow as the hand of Fate!
 Your eyes keep wandering, like you're thinking
 Of what the boys over there are drinking.
- "Well, I trump your ace. I was thinking, Bill. As I saw the barkeeper laugh, and fill The glass for that drunken doctor there. Of a thing that took place in Tulare. I will spin the yarn: (those cards are mine)-On a night like this, in sixty-nine. In King's saloon, with a rousing noise, I was on a bender with the boys. 'Twas a pretty rough crowd, and I, half-slung, Was telling the rest, with whiskey-glib tongue, How I found a nugget, in sixty-three, And chucked it away in a hollow tree, For fear the blamed scrub prospecting with me, If its size and value he happened to see, Might tumble to it, and slit my gullet While I slept, or end me with a bullet.

('Twas a chispa, of almost solid gold,
With a little quartz, just enough to hold
The metal together, and make it bright
By contrast with the rock's clear white.)
And how, when I went back there alone,
Like a coyote going to hunt a bone
He had hid, I could hardly find the gold,
(For the trail was petered out and old);
But when I found it I got more dinero
Than I ever made as a mere ranchero.

Ah, those days were flush, you bet your boots! It wasn't the kind of life that suits
The tenderfeet fresh from the States;
But we feared not the fiends, and dared the fates
To do their worst, as with shovel and pick,
We worked all day, save when drunk or sick,
And danced, and gambled, and drank all night.

But to my story. As I, while tight, Was telling how hard it was to find The hollow tree, as the trail went blind, With a kind of sneer, in chipped Doc. Dean-No slouch was Doc., and too proud to be mean; And when God calls, at the judgment stand, On Doc. to ante and show his hand, He will hold four aces and take the pot, Though the preachers did call him 'a drunken sot.' If he had staid sober, he might have been great, But he kept on drinking, and called it 'Fate.' Doc, was full that night, and began to say, In a sort of teasing, maudlin way, He would bet a slug that I was drunk, The day when I tried to hide the chunk; That kind of riled me, and so, said I, 'If you had gold, I would gamble high, To hide it you wouldn't so much as try; But would just make tracks for a saloon, And be drunk and broke, as you are now, soon.' The boys all laughed, and Doc. turned red, And spoke out quick, kind of mad, and said: 'I have a thousand hid under the floor Of my house out yonder, and five hundred more In my trunk, and I will bet you the whole, You haven't ten dollars to save your soul.' Then we both were hot, but the fellows knew We were both of us drunk, so nothing would do But he and I must shake hands, they said, And drink together, and be off to bed. We all clinked glasses and took some rve; I paid for the drinks, and that was why I saw that a hard-looking, ornerv cuss, Who had been near by at the first of the fuss, Had slid away; but I didn't cheep Or think about it, and was soon asleep."

Why, Bill, you've beat me clean, I swear!
Well, take in the stakes; I know its square.
A man can't gas and play cards too,
But the story's soon over; I'll hurry through.

As the Doctor from King's was going down To his home, a mile below the town, He stumbled and fell, he was so tight. And slept by a tree, on the ground, all night. He woke when the birds were twittering away Their clear, cheery chorus to dawning day. His bones were aching and chilled with cold, And he said to himself: 'Twas but Sunday I told My wife I'd be sober this week, but, God bless her, She'll be all the more tender when I caress her, And tell her I'm punished already—this pain In my head and my breast is so awful. Again And again has she tried to redeem me and save me! How can I forget that the pure heart she gave me Is near broken and crushed by my riotous life! Heaven help me to shield you, my darling young wife, From myself-from my blight! Hear me, God, as I swear, That the care she has borne she shall never more bear. And that never again shall her dear face be Paled with grief or crimsoned with shame for me!' Then Dean walked on, and it seemed to him That his future smiled fair, though his eyes grew dim, As he thought how his wife watched through the night For a step that came not, and kept the light In the open window to guide him right. Soon his hastening feet brought his home in sight.

How peaceful it looked, in the flush of the dawn,
With white, ivy-clad walls, and the dew of the morn
On the flowers glittering pendant—all the coy roses seeming
Diamond-decked, and the Nile-lilies modestly gleaming,
And the heliotropes lavishing wealth of perfume,
Like an offering of incense to her unto whom
They owed each day's culture and delicate care.

He neared the house now, and saw the glare Of the lamp burning still in the window there, And a vague uneasiness leaped to his brain, And wounded his heart with a foreboding pain.

The gentle young wife, his mainstay, his pride, Was lying stretched on the floor, where she died, With dark bruises showing as traces where The murderer grasped her throat, white and bare.

That scoundrel in the saloon had heard Our drunken quarrel, and at the word, Had slipped away in the dark to steal The money Dean had tried to conceal, But had disclosed in making his boast In reply to me. Ah! dread was the cost To poor Doc,—for the robber, when Dean's wife Had screamed with fear, to prevent the strife And noise, had choked her and left her dead. The broken floor and the torn trunk said The rest.

But the depths of poor Dean's grief None but God knew. The moment brief, When, with bared heads, we men stood there And saw his woful, blind despair, Was like eternity to me, And even now I seem to see The ghastly face and hear the moan Of that strong, brave man as he lay there, prone On the floor, and writhed at his dead wife's side, Knowing it was by his fault she died; And, in his anguish, at last he cried, He had killed her, and wanted to live no longer, But, after a pause, he seemed to grow stronger. And went to the medicine case in the room, And there, with a look more of gladness than gloom, Seized a bottle of poison, and, ere we could stir, Had swallowed its contents, and falling upon her, Cried, 'Thus I atone for the wrongs I have done her,' And died in a moment.

We buried them there In one grave, side by side, on a hill bleak and bare."

"No, boys! let's go home—I don't want to drink
More liquor to-night—for I never can think
Of that scene, but the whiskey tastes bitter like gall,
And the wine sour and flat, and over them fall
The shadow and pall of the death and despair
They brought to poor Dean in the wilds of Tulare."

Moye Wicks, (Tennessee Nu, '71.)

SONG OF THE MOSQUITO.

Hear the "skeeter" with his wings—Buzzing wings,
How he sings,
With the motion of his wings.
Sings before he stings,
With a devilish delight,
Sings! Sings! Sings!
Throughout the livelong night.

Oh for pennyroyal tea,
Or a cot beside the sea,
Where the breezes play bo-peep,
Upon the briny deep.
If he didn't puncture me,
With his horrid, hateful horn,
I'd lay me down and sleep,
From eye 'till dewy morn.

"Why, judge, you don't (buz—buz!) suppose"
(Now he's pleading at the bar),
"I've designs (buzz!) upon his nose—
This haint no (buz—buz!) family jar,
I mean that fellow's nose,
Sug (buzz!) gestive of a rose,
Who is snoring over thar."

Methinks I'll murder him, For, if he should get in, (What an infernal din) There'll be old scratch to pay.

Bing! confound the thing;
Why, that's the same old sing.
As he calmly sails away,
With his patent-folding sting,
Sweetly tucked beneath his wing,
In search of other prey.

W. P. ORR, (Va. Beta, '66).

THE LOVE OF ALPHA TAUS.

We've seen others sad and intemp'rate grown,
From mirthful syren's sport,
But, barrin' a tear, and a pint of beer,
We're not men o' that sort.

When "our loves" prove true, we follow suit,
That's all the rede we reck;
If they double about like speckled trout,
We shuffle another deck.

We keep our pipes and consciences clear,
And like our wild oats mown;
For it is no use, and it plays the deuce,
To wait until they are grown.

Without being sure she don't "mistake,"
We never go "straight home;"
Tho' blue be her eyes as Italy's skies,
And her rounded arms—yum, yum.

But we'd rather trust and be deceiv'd,
Have keen regrets and sorrow,
Than wrong one again with wound or pain
In all the long tomorrow.

B. C. PRESSTMAN, Jr. (Va. Delta, '77).

CLIPPINGS.

[From the Richmond (Va.) State of June 26, 1892.]

Judge E. M. Ross, a former resident of this city, and a younger brother of Dr. George Ross, has just been nominated by the Democratic convention of California, as Judge of the Supreme Court of that State. Judge Ross has already filled that high position for four years, and has now been renominated for a term of twelve years. He is probably the youngest Supreme Court judge in the country, being now little past thirty-six years of age.

All Alpha Taus will rejoice to hear of this great honor conferred upon one of our founders.

[From The Southern Churchman of June 8, 1882.]

Mr. Clifton R. Breckinridge, a son of Gen. John C. Breckinridge, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congressman in Arkansas, entered the Confederate army at fifteen, came out of the army at just eighteen, ragged, without a dollar, his father in exile, and [no home to go to, got work in Georgia, saved some money and went to college.

Brother Breckinridge (Va. Beta, '67,) was elected to Congress from the *State at large* by a handsome majority.

[From the Richmond (Va.) Dispatch of May -, 1882.]

Mr. Leonard Marbury was nominated at the Conservative primary in Alexandria on Thursday. There was an earnest but good-natured fight between the nominee and Mr. S. G. Brent. The friends of both worked earnestly.

Brother Marbury (D. C. Upsilon, '74,) was *elected*, and we are sure he will serve the State faithfully as attorney for his city. Brother Brent (Va. Phi, '74,), his predecessor in the office, is his staunch friend and admirer, though he was his competitor at the "primary."

[From the Eatonton (Ga.) Messenger.]

Mr. A. Iverson Branham, now of Buena Vista, and formerly connected with the editorship of the *Messenger*, has been elected president of the Agricultural College at Hamilton, and will probably accept the position. Iverson is a young man of rare attainments, and as a teacher there are few who excel him. The college at Hamilton will be fortunate if it secures his services.

We congratulate Brother B. It seems but the other day that we chronicled one honor that had been bestowed upon him, and here is another and a greater; but he is quite worthy of them all.

[From the correspondent of the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier, giving an account of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, which adjourned Aug. 5, 1882.]

All the officers were re-elected save Prof. Harrison, who declined a re-election. Mr. B. L. Wiggins, of South Carolina, was elected in his place professor of Latin and Greek. * * * Mr. Wiggins has postponed a most eligible and agreeable engagement, the charge of a young man to go abroad with expenses paid and a good salary, to answer the unanimous demand of professors, trustees, alumni and students. The compliment is deserved, if

Brother Wiggins is one of Tennessee Omega's most distinguished sons, and an Alpha Tau of the first water.

[From The K. M. I. News.]

Cheatham, Dr. William, B. A., is a trump sure. We went to him with many sad anticipations of approach to blindness, and were made ever so glad to hear his decision that our eyes were healthy, only needed glasses 48, whereas we were trying to see through glasses No. 24. While at the office there walked in an old man of sixty-four from whose eyes Dr. Cheatham had removed cataract. The cuts on the pupils of each eye were plainly seen. The old man had undergone the operation without the use of either chloroform or ether. He could see. What a blessing is eyesight. If you want to feel bad go blind, if then you want to feel ever so good, go to Dr. Cheatham and get your eyesight restored. We saw the royal child of the Doctor.

Brother Cheatham (Ky. Mu, '70) is Special Lecturer on Diseases of the Eye, Ear and Throat at the University of Louisville.

[From The Free Trade of Memphis, Tenn.]

Mr. James Phelan, who comes of an illustrious Irish family, is prominently spoken of by his Irish friends for Congress. The Phelans have become Americanized by long residence in this country and have dropped the original prefix O' from their name, but never have they dropped their zealous interest in the Irish cause. Mr. Phelan is a young man of ability, and the fact that he is mentioned for Congressional honors is another recognition

high.

of the growing idea that young men will make fitting substitutes for the old stagers who have so long claimed preferment because they are shrewd policy hucksters. Mr. Phelan favors Free Trade, upon which the youth of this country particularly depend for future prosperity.

This brother graduated with distinction at the Kentucky Military Institute in 1871, and subsequently obtained the degree of Ph. D. at the University of Leipzig. He occupies a high position at the Memphis bar, and is an author of some repute.

[From the Houston (Texas) Post of Oct. 13, 1882.]

Last night at Lyceum Hall a very large and fashionable audience assembled, attracted, despite the warmth of the evening, to witness one of the most attractive entertainments ever offered by the Houston Lyceum, consisting of an excellent musical programme and the announcement of the result of the state competition and reports of committees upon the different papers submitted for the prizes offered for the best literary productions and scientific papers.

The committee upon the scientific papers reported as follows:

To D. D. Bryan, President Houston Lyceum:

Your committee, upon whom has devolved the duty of passing upon the merits of the different papers submitted in competition for the prize offered by the Lyceum for the best original paper on a scientific subject, would respectfully report that, after a careful examination of quite a number of papers, they are gratified at being able to return, with their approval, one evincing so much ability upon the part of the writer, and so eminently creditable to the Lyceum which, by its encouragement, has drawn it forth, as we feel assured the article submitted by Alpha Tau upon the subject of "The Atomic Constitution of Matter" will prove to be, and we only regret that the pecuniary inducement offered was not more commensurate with the marked ability displayed.

Of the other papers we need only say that some of them are of decided merit, and we shall hope, upon some other occasion, to hear further from the writers. But others of them, we feel assured, would never have been subjected to the ordeal of a criticism such as must necessarily attend a competition in literary or scientific prize tourney had they in advance been submitted to the scrutiny of even their writer's most partial friends.

If, however, the other committees, who have been engaged in passing upon the claims of competitors upon other subjects, have been equally fortunate in the character and merit of the papers submitted for their judgment, we can most cordially congratulate the Lyceum upon the success of their present effort to encourage and develop the literary taste of our community.

Very respectfully,

A. S. RICHARDSON,
For the Committee.

The announcement that the writer of the successful paper was Professor H. H. Dinwiddie, Professor of Chemistry in the Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Bryan, was greeted with applause. The paper was then read by Mr. Richardson, and to pronounce it an excellent scientific treatise would be but a mild criticism. The Lyceum intends allowing this, as well as the other papers awarded the prizes, to be published.

We do not need to tell the readers of the *Palm* who Professor H. H. Dinwiddie is. We know him to be a prince in Alpha Tau Omega, and a christian scholar whose erudite and valuable investigations in the field of science have not failed to receive at the hands of *savans* the recognition they deserve.

[From The St. Lawrence Plaindealer (Canton, N. Y.) of July 5, 1882.]

Mr. A. I. Bacheller, in his oration on "The Dramatic Intuition," described the nature of dramatic poetry and the causes of its present decay. The ages of Pericles and Elizabeth alone excelled in this species of art. The drama was a picture of human life and destiny, and standing on such an elevation as it did, it expressed human thought at its highest pitch of inspiration and power. It must be called into being by an upheaval, fundamentally affecting the thought of humanity and filling it with a consciousness of its own power. The casting off of ecclesiastical despotism and medieval mysticism left the mind free to rise to a height as great as the depth to which it was before bound. Nothing less than Shakespeare and Calderon could voice the

Nothing less than Shakespeare and Calderon could voice the thought of such an age, and dramatists like these will not appear again until another equally potent revolution shall have afforded the necessary inspiration. Mr. Bacheller's effort elicited the deepest attention throughout, and was generally pronounced, both in respect to matter and manner, one of the ablest produc-

tions ever presented from our Commencement stage on a similar occasion.

The above is a brief synopsis of the oration delivered by Brother Bacheller when he received his graduate's degree at the last Commencement of St. Lawrence University.

[From the Weekly Leader (Marietta, O.) of August 1, 1882.]

Arthur Holdren Hart.

The sad intelligence of the death of the bright little boy baby of Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hart, which occurred in Lincoln, Nebraska, was received here by telegraph on Saturday, and caused a universal feeling of sorrow among the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Hart, in this city. The remains arrived here on the M. & C. train early Monday morning, accompanied by the bereaved parents, and were taken to the residence of J. C. Holdren, Esq., where the funeral services were held in the afternoon. Dr. and Mrs. Hart have the sympathy of all in the loss of their little darling, who was a great favorite with everybody. The State Journal, published at Lincoln, Nebraska, has the following account of his sickness and death:

In this city at 9 A. M. yesterday, Friday, July 28, 1882, of cholera infantum, with cerebral complications, Arthur Holdren, son of Dr. C. S. and Mrs. Julia L. Hart, aged two years, six months and twenty-eight days.

There is sadness about every death, but more especially in regard to the little innocents, who are taken from us from time to time. Dr. and Mrs. Hart had been in our city but little over a year, but in that time a great many had learned to know their little Arthur. The wee toddler had the way of making friends peculiar to childhood, and there are many hearts sad this morning at his demise. It was hoped he was out of danger, but when his fondest friends hoped best for him, the worst came, and our little Arthur was almost suddenly called to the brighter world. There are many who shall miss him and hope to meet him above.

Our heart goes out in tenderest sympathy for our brother in his affliction. But "it is well" with our little ones who, in their innocent childhood, are called hence, and thus escape the innumerable woes that, sooner or later, fall to the lot of the sons of men.

(From the last Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Kentucky Military Institute to its Board of Visitors and incorporated in their Report to His Excellency the Governor of

Among the influences which have been productive of order and good conduct in the corps of Cadets during this year, none ranks that of the three Secret Societies, viz: Sigma Alpha Epsi-

lon, Chi Phi and Alpha Tau Omega, which have chapters in this college. We have found these organizations ever on the side of a high esprit de corps.

A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

[The following kind letter was received a short time since, and we insert it here to apprise the many dear friends of Brother McCord, who are readers of our Journal, of his serious illness, which we trust will be of short duration, and to point a moral besides.—Eds.]

PUEBLO, COLORADO, September 12th, 1882.

Jos. R. Anderson, Jr., Esq., Richmond, Va.:

Dear Sir-Pursuant to request of Mr. James H. McCord, I enclose you New York exchange for ten dollars to apply on account of his subscription to the Palm. He desires me to state that he has been intending to write to you for some time, in fact ever since his removal to this place, July, 1881, but has been prevented by business which has occupied his entire time and attention. One of his reasons for wishing to write to you was in order to have the address of his paper changed, as since coming here he very seldom receives it, as it has to be remailed to him from St. Joseph, Missouri, and the non-receipt of course had a tendency to make him neglect.

At present he is quite ill with what is known in this part of the country as mountain fever, resembling the typhoid form in many respects. As yet no fears are entertained as to his recovery, and we hope, with proper attention, &c., to have him around again in the course of a few weeks.

By changing the address of his paper to Pueblo, Colorado—Box 238—and acknowledging to him receipt of enclosure,
You will greatly oblige,
Yours very respectfully,

DON BEEBEE.

VIRGINIA DELTA, 1872-'73—A STRAY LEAF FROM MEMORY'S RECORD BOOK.

The beautiful gift with which I have been presented by the members of your noble chapter makes my heart stir with feelings of highest pride and deepest gratitude. "The sympathy and kind feeling I have so often expressed for you" has been claimed from me by the consideration with which you, as a Fraternity, have honored me; and it has ripened into highest and most sisterly regard by a more intimate knowledge of the worth of each individual. So that you may understand how fully and entirely I appreciate this crowning token of your favor—this emblem of your union, which receives me indeed into your number, and gives me right unquestionable to give you each the name of "Brother," and to take myself a name which I shall wear proudly, and ever strive to bear worthily—an "Alpha Tau Sister." To each and all I extend a hand, and beg you to feel that you may depend upon me whenever my assistance can in any way be anything to you, with the assurance that nothing can ever fill me with purer pleasure than to be of service to a "Va. 4." Alpha Tau.

The gentle claim you so modestly make upon my memory for an occasional kind thought for "the members of Delta Chapter of 1872-'73" is unnecessary; for I could not forget you if I would, and would not if I could. Rest assured that you will live in my memory connected with one of its brightest associations, and that through all my life I will carry the pleasure you have given me as both a proud ornament and a dearly-prized treasure. Your

names are written with letters of friendship's true gold in memory's record-book, and through days to come a guardian spirit shall stand beside me to write within the story your future lives shall tell. And if you remain true to what I know is somewhere within you each, there will be a beautiful poem—perfect and entire, without a blot or blank-for loving eyes to read. That this may indeed be true is the fairest wish that can come from the YOUR "SISTER." true heart of

To the Va. Delta Chapter of the A. T. Ω . Fraternity.

THE DECISION IN THE PURDUE CASE.*

THE STATE OF INDIANA.

9986. In the Supreme Court, May Term, 1882. On the 21st day of June, 1882, being the 27th judicial day of said May Term, 1882.

Hon. James L. Worden, Chief Justice. HON. WILLIAM H. WOODS, HON. WILLIAM E. NIBLACK, Hon. George V. Howk, HON. BYRON K. ELLIOTT,

In the case of THE STATE, ex. rel., SAM'L T. STALLARD EMERSON E. WHITE, et al.

Appeal from the Tippeca-

Came the parties by their attorneys, and the Court being sufficiently advised in the premises, gave the following opinion and judgment, pronounced by Niblack, J.:
This was an application by the State on the relation of Sam-

uel T. Stallard against Emerson E. White, et al., for a mandamus.

The complaint averred that the relator is now, and for many years last past has been, a resident citizen and taxpayer of the State of Indiana, and that he is now, and for several years last

^{*}A copy of this decision was kindly furnished *The Sigma Chi* by W. F. Severson, Esq., of Delta Delta, who succeeded in procuring it after much trouble and exertion. The thanks of all the College Fraternities are due to Mr. Severson, as well for this valuable document as for his active and efficient efforts in the prosecution of this appeal to a successful issue.—Eds.

past has been, the duly appointed and acting guardian of the person and estate of Thomas P. Hawley, who is of the age of nineteen years, a native of the State of Indiana, and has always resided and still resides in said State; that pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana, Purdue University has been located and organized near the city of La Fayette in said State, and that said University is now, and for several years last past has been, engaged in the education of a portion of the young men and young women and of the children of this State; that said University is fully equipped with the necessary buildings and apparatus for the business in which it is engaged and has a full corps of teachers; that the defendants to this proceeding are such teachers. and have assumed to be, have been heretofore acting as, and now are, the faculty of said University, with said Emerson E. White as the President thereof; that the said University is the Agricultural College of the State of Indiana, and was endowed under. and by virtue of, an act of Congress of the United States entitled "An act donating lands to the several states and territories, which may provide Colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts"-approved July 2, 1862-and the acts supplementary thereto, and is maintained by the income of such endowment and by appropriations made by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana; that said Thos. P. Hawley is a taxpayer of said State, was at the time hereinafter mentioned, and is now, free from any disease, or mental or physical defects, and was then and still is, in all respects qualified and fitted for admission, and had the right to be admitted, as a student in said University; that the defendants so constituting and acting as the Faculty of said University, prior to the time hereinafter mentioned, and amongst others, made and prescribed the following regulation, known as Regulation No. 3, for the government of said University:

"3. No student is permitted to join or be connected, as a member or otherwise, with any so-called Greek or other college secret society; and, as a condition of admission to the University or promotion therein, each student is required to give a written pledge that he or she will observe this regulation. A violation of this regulation and pledge forfeits the right of any student to class promotion at the end of the year, and to an

honorable dismissal."

The complaint further averred that on the 8th day of September, 1881, the defendants, as teachers in and constituting the faculty of said University, opened said University for the reception and instruction therein, that being the time appointed for

the beginning of a school term in the University; that on said 8th day of September, 1881, the defendants, as such faculty, had the power and authority, and it was their duty, to admit properly qualified persons as students in the said University; that on that day the said Thos. P. Hawley, being then and there qualified for admission in said University as hereinbefore stated, and being desirous of pursuing a course of study which had theretofore been agreed upon between him and the defendant White, as the President of the Faculty, and which course of study was within the regular course prescribed by the Faculty for the University, presented himself to the defendants, as such teachers and faculty, and asked to be admitted as a student to receive instruction in the University, and then and there tendered all the required fees for admission as a student therein; that at that time the University was not full, but there was ample room for said Hawley as a student therein; that the said Hawley was then ready and willing, has ever since been, and still is, ready and willing to conform to all rightful and proper rules and regulations presented for the government of the University; that at the time the said Hawley so presented himself for admission in said University, the defendant White, as the President of the Faculty, tendered to him a written pledge, which he, the said White, required him, said Hawley, to sign, which pledge was substantially as follows: "I do hereby state, upon my honor, that in the month of April last, when I applied for and received an honorable dismissal from Purdue University, I was not a member of any so-called Greek fraternity or other college secret society, and at the time I connected myself with a chapter of the 'Sigma Chi' Fraternity, I did not intend returning to Purdue University. I do solemnly promise to disconnect myself as an active member of the 'Sigma Chi' Fraternity during my connection with Purdue University"; that said Hawley refused to sign said pledge, but then and there expressed himself as ready and willing to obey and conform to any and every existing rule and regulation of said University, and any and every rightful and lawful rule and regulation which might thereafter be prescribed by the authorities acting for the University, saving and excepting any rule or regulation which might forbid his connection with said Sigma Chi Fraternity, or other societies connected with colleges, and commonly known as "Greek Fraternities." The complaint then proceeded as follows: "And said relator avers that said 'Sigma Chi' Fraternity is one of a class of secret societies which are, and for many years have been, established, permitted and encouraged in very many of the oldest and best colleges in the

United States; that such societies are commonly known as 'Greek Fraternities,' from the fact that they are usually named from letters of the Greek alphabet; that such societies embrace among their members Presidents and Professors in colleges, Senators in Congress, Representatives in Congress, judges, lawvers, physicians, ministers of the gospel, and very many persons of almost every calling, distinguished for their intellectual and moral worth; that the object and aim of such societies is to elevate the standard of education, and to secure among their members advanced culture in the classics and in the liberal arts and sciences; that the basis of such societies is morality; that there is nothing in the Constitution, aims, or objects of such societies which is inimical to the Constitution and law of the United States, or to the Constitution and laws of the State of Indiana, and that the tendency of such societies is to promote the moral and educational interests of their members, the true interests of learning, and the highest and best interests in every department of the institution with which they are connected."

The complaint still further averred, that upon the refusal of Hawley to sign the pledge tendered to him by the defendant White, as above set forth, the defendants so constituting the Faculty of said Purdue University refused, and have ever since continued to refuse, to admit him, said Hawley, as a student in said University, assigning as their only reason for not admitting him as a student therein, his refusal to sign the pledge tendered

him by the defendant White.

Wherefore the relator prayed that a writ of mandate might issue directed to the defendants, commanding them to admit the

said Hawley as student in the University.

An alternative writ of mandate was issued to the defendants, who thereupon appeared to the action, and demurred to the complaint for want of sufficient facts to entitle the relator to the relief demanded. Just before final action was taken upon their demurrer, they moved to strike out as irrelevant and immaterial all that part of the complaint bearing reference to the character, objects and aims of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the class of college societies to which it belongs, and which is included within quotation marks, and their motion was sustained.

The court then, upon further consideration, sustained the demurrer to the complaint, and the relator declining to plead further, final judgment was rendered in favor of the defendants.

Error is assigned upon the striking out a part of the complaint as above stated, and upon the decision of the Court sustaining the demurrer to the complaint.

Purdue University constitutes no part of our system of common schools and has no direct connection with that system, but it is an institution of learning primarily endowed by Congress and continued in existence very largely by appropriations made by the General Assembly of this State. It is therefore an educational institution sustaining relations to the people at large analogous to those occupied by other public schools and colleges of the State, maintained at public expense, and one in which all the inhabitants of the State have a common interest. The general principles underlying the educational system of the State are consequently applicable to the government and control of Purdue University, and in the absence of express legislative provisions, must be invoked in determining the powers which that institution may exercise. The fourth section of the act of the General Assembly of this State accepting the donation made by Congress for the support of Agricultural Colleges and providing for the location and organization of Purdue University, approved May 6, 1869, reads as follows:

"From and after the date of the location made as aforesaid, the corporate name of the Trustees of the Indiana Agricultural College shall be the Trustees of Purdue University, and they shall take in charge, have, hold, possess and manage, all and singular the property and moneys comprehended in said donations, as also the funds derived from the sale of the land-scrip donation under said act of Congress and the increase thereof, and all moneys or other property which may hereafter at any time be donated to and for the use of said institution. They shall also have power to organize said University in conformity with the purpose set forth in said act of Congress, holding their meetings at such times and places as they may agree on, and a majority of their members constituting a quorum. They shall provide a seal, have power to elect all professors and teachers, removable at their pleasure; fix and regulate eompensation; do all acts necessary and expedient to put and keep said University in operation, and make all by-laws, rules and regulations required or proper to conduct and manage the same."

This section confers no greater power on the Trustees of Purdue University as regards making rules and regulations for its conduct and management, than is usually given like officers of similar institutions, and leaves the question as to who are entitled to admission as students in that University to be determined by the principles underlying our general system of education, to

which reference has already been made.

The admission of students in a public educational institution is

one thing, and the government and control of students after they are admitted and have become subject to the jurisdiction of the

institution is quite another thing.

The first rests upon well established rules, either prescribed by law or sanctioned by usage, from which the right to admission is to be determined. The latter rests largely in the discretion of the officers in charge of the regulations prescribed for that purpose, being subject to modifications or change, from time to time, as

supposed emergencies may arise.

Having in view the various statutes in force in this State touching educational affairs, and the decisions of this court, as well as of other courts, bearing on this general subject, we think it may be safely said that every inhabitant in this State of suitable age, and of reasonably good moral character, not afflicted with any contagious or loathsome disease, and not incapacitated by some mental or physical infirmity, is entitled to admission as a student

in the Purdue University.

This right of admission may not be enforced when there is not sufficient room in the University, and may possibly be postponed until the applicant has made some proficiency in merely preliminary studies, but it is a right which the Trustees are not authorized to materially abridge, and which they cannot as an abstract proposition properly deny. (Cory vs. Carter, 48 Ind., 327; the State vs. Duffy, 7 Nev., 342, and 8 Am. R., 713; Chase vs. Stephenson, 71 Ill., 383; Trustee, &c., vs. Van Allen, 87 Ill., 303; Rulison vs. Post, 79 Ill., 568; Workman vs. Board, 18 Mich., 400; Foltz vs. Hoge, 54 Cal., 28; Ward vs. Flood, 48 Cal., 36.)

The greater numbers of authorities cited by counsel have reference to the government and control of persons after they have been admitted as students in some scholastic institution, and hence, as we conceive, have no direct application to the real

question in this case.

The case of the people on the relation of Pratt vs. Wheaton College, 40 Illinois, 188, much relied on in the argument, is a case of that class. Besides Wheaton College was an institution resting on private endowment, and deriving no aid whatever

from taxation, or any other public source.

It is clearly within the power of the Trustees, and of the Faculty when acting presumably or otherwise in their behalf, to absolutely prohibit any connection between the Greek fraternities and the University. The Trustees have also the undoubted authority to prohibit the attendance of students upon the meeting of such Greek fraternities, or from having any other active

connection with such organizations, so long as such students remain under the immediate control of the University, whenever it can be made to appear that such attendance upon the meetings of, or other active connection with such fraternities, tends in any material degree to interfere with the proper relation of students to the University. As to the propriety of such and similar inhibitions and restrictions, the Trustees, aided by the experience of the Faculty, ought to be the better judge, and as to all such matters, within reasonable limits, the power of the Trustees is plenary and complete. (Roberts vs. the City of Boston, 5 Cush., 198; Spiller vs. the Inhabitants, &c., 12 Allen, 127; Hodgkins vs. the Inhabitants, &c., 105 Mass., 575; Ferriter vs. Tyler, 48 Vermont, 444; State vs. Burton, 45 Wis., 150; Spear vs. Cummings, 23 Pick., 225; Donahue vs. Richards, 38 Maine, 379; Dallas vs. Fosdick, 40 Howard's P. K., 249; Dritt vs. Snodgrass, 66 Mo., 286.)

But the possession of this great power over a student after he has entered the University, does not justify the imposition of either degrading or extraordinary terms as a condition of admission into it, nor does it justify anything which may be construed as an invidious discrimination against an applicant on account of his previous membership in any one of the Greek Fraternities, conceding their character, object and aims, to be what they were

averred to be in the complaint.

Every student upon his admission into an institution of learning impliedly promises to submit to and to be governed by all the necessary and proper rules and regulations which have been or may thereafter be adopted for the government of the institution, and the exaction of any pledge or condition which requires him to promise more than that, operates as a practical abridgment of the right of admission, and involves the exercise of a power greater than has been conferred upon either the Trustees or Faculty of Purdue University.

Regulations adopted by persons in charge of a school are analogous to by-laws enacted by municipal and other corporations, and both will be annulled by the courts when found to be unauthorized, against common right or palpably unreasonable.

Angell & Ames on Corporations, Section 357; Dillon on Mun. Corp., 3d Ed. Section 369; 24 Barb., 470; 32 N. Y., 187; People vs. Mechanic's Aid Society, 22 Mich., 86; Fuller vs. Springfield School, 6 Conn., 533.

In the first place the pledge tendered by President White to Hawley was not shown to have been authorized by any previous regulation adopted for the government of the University. As applicable to Hawley, it was therefore special, exceptional, and

apparently not demanded by any competent anthority.

In the next place it carried with it the implication that membership in the Sigma Chi Fraternity might properly be treated as a disqualification for admission as a student in the University, a doctrine wholly inadmissable in its applications to Purdue University or to any of the other public schools or Colleges of the State.

If membership in any of the so-called Greek Fraternities may be treated as a disqualification for admission as a student in a public school, then membership in any other secret or similar society may be converted into a like disqualification, and in this way discrimination might be made against large classes of the inhabitants of the State in utter disregard of the fundamental ideas upon which our entire educational system is based.

Membership in an inherently immoral Society or Fraternity might perhaps be urged against the admissability of a student, upon the ground that such relations to such a society or fraternity tended to establish a want of moral character in the applicant, and in that view the allegations af the complaint as to the character, objects and aims of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and other kindred Greek Fraternities, become material, and ought not to have been stricken out.

Although some of those allegations may have been somewhat argumentative in form, they, as a whole, tended to show that, abstractly considered, there was no impropriety in either becoming a member of or being otherwise connected with the Sigma Chi Fraternity and that the objections seemingly entertained by the Faculty against that and other fraternities of the same class, were not well founded.

Our conclusion is that so much of regulation No. 3, adopted by the Faculty, as may be construed as imposing disabilities on persons already members of the Greek Fraternities, and as requires a written pledge as a condition of admission, is both ultra vires and palpably unreasonable, and hence inoperative and void, and that the pledge tendered to Hawley was one which the Faculty had no legal right to demand as a condition of his admission.

It follows that the court erred both in striking out a part of the complaint as irrelevant and immaterial, and in sustaining the demurrer to the complaint.

At the request of the parties we have considered this case upon the theory that the regulation No. 3, supra, was adopted by the express authority of the Trustees, and hence have made no

inquiry as to the authority of the faculty in making regulations for the government of the University, when acting independently of the Trustees.

Judgment is reversed with costs, and the cause remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion.

[The former appellees being dissatisfied with the decision and having petitioned for a rehearing, and the Attorney-General of the State having filed a brief concurring in the request of the appellees, the following supplementary decision was rendered during the latter part of August of this year.— EDS.]

Came the parties by their attorneys, and the court being sufficiently advised in the premises, gave the following opinion on

petition for rehearing, pronounced by Niblack, J.:

Accompanying a petition for rehearing the appellees have submitted an exhaustive argument controverting all the material conclusions announced in the opinion in this case and asking for a reconsideration of the whole case, and if that cannot be granted, then for important modifications and explanations of some portions of the opinion in the form in which it has been promulgated.

The Attorney-General has also filed a brief on behalf of the Trustess of Purdue University concurring in the request of the

appellees.

We have given the cause such further consideration as its importance has demanded and have made some merely verbal changes in our opinion as originally filed, so as to better express in some instances our real meaning. With these changes we are content that the opinion shall stand as the judgment of this court upon the facts as presented by the record. In legal effect we have only decided that regulation No. 3, adopted by the Faculty, and the special pledge tendered to Hawley, fairly implied a discrimination against a class of the inhabitants of this State as much entitled to admission in the University as any other class, and that to that extent that regulation and that special pledge were both unlawful and unreasonable. embraced in the opinion was merely by way of argument and illustration, and as collation to the real question before us, intended to impress upon those most interested the difference between abridging the right of admission into a public school, and the authority to govern and control students after they have been admitted. That difference impressed us then, and still impresses us, as being important in the consideration of this case. Where all the conditions attaching to an inhabitant of the State are such as to entitle him to admission into a public school, he cannot be deprived of that right by the requirement of unusual and exceptional preliminary pledges directed only against a portion or a class of people of the State.

Such unusual and exceptional pledges are not only unlawful in their spirit and application, but are unreasonable and productive of irritative litigation, and generally of injurious consequences

to the institution attempting to enforce them.

Whether any express pledge, applicable in its operation alike to all, and as preliminary to admission, may in any case be required, is a question we have not fully considered, and concerning which nothing has been decided.

Nor is it practicable for us to enter into a further discussion of the authority of the Trustees or a faculty over students after they

have been admitted as such into a public school.

It is impossible to foresee or even conjecture every contingency that may arise involving judicial interpretation in that respect. What we have already said on that subject is quite sufficient for our present purpose, and was more than absolutely necessary to a decision of this case. When an inhabitant of the State has acquired the right of admission into a public school, and that right has been unjustly denied, he is as much injured as if some important property right had been invaded, and is as much entitled to appeal to the courts for relief. This has been settled by innumerable precedents and decided cases, and is no longer an open question. It is equally the duty of the courts to grant relief against the enforcement of unjust and unreasonable regulations for the government of public schools after all questions of admission have been disposed of.

There is nothing in the legislation of this State which deprives our courts of jurisdiction in respect to such controversies, and we know of no reason originating in public policy which would deny such jurisdiction to the courts without first providing suitable means for redress before some other competent tribunal.

Courts are reluctant to interpose their authority against the action of School Trustees and School Boards, and others similarly charged with special and peculiar duties, and ordinarily will not do so except in cases in which manifest injustice has been done or some previous mistake has been made, but when a proper case is presented for judicial interference, a plain duty is imposed which the courts cannot and ought not evade.

The petition for a rehearing is overruled-Woods, J., still

dissenting.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

OUR DUTY IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING CONGRESS.

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The time for holding our biennial Congress is fast drawing near, and it sets us to thinking. Two thoughts are suggested: first, what is the object of this periodical coming together, or walking together, for that is the meaning of the word? And secondly, how can this object be best accomplished?

The object of Congress is two-fold, viz., to afford an opportunity for the several chapters to come together, through their chosen representatives, once every two years, to enact such laws for the wise government of the Fraternity as are deemed necessary; and, further, to afford an opportunity for the members of the Fraternity—both active and alumni—to meet and know one another.

Now, this latter object is too often lost sight of. The impression prevails—at least with those who have never attended a meeting—that Congress is only a formal gathering of delegates from the different chapters to *legislate* for the Order at large; and that these brothers attend it because it is a constitutional requirement that every chapter shall be represented at these business meetings of the Fraternity. But this is only one object of the A. T. Q. Congress. Another, and by far the most important, object is, as we have said, to bring the members together, to the end that they may know one another—grasp one another by the hand as brothers indeed, and partake of a common *love-feast*. Aye, it is a veritable love-feast. And none but those who have been actual partakers have the faintest conception of the real pleasure and joy one experiences on such occasions.

We all know what the pleasures and delights of the chaptermeeting are, and yet they fall short of those that attend the Congress-meeting. The reason is obvious. This is the universal experience, the universal testimony of those whose good fortune it has been ever to attend a meeting of Congress.

Now, what practical benefit results from attending a meeting of Congress—we mean regarding its object in the latter phase of which we have spoken? We see brothers from all the chapters, we hear them recite their chapter's trials and successes, we compare methods of working, and, in fine, we learn wisdom. We return to our chapters or to our homes, as the case may be, with our love for and interest in the Order quickened, and we thus redouble our zeal in its behalf. This is the benefit; and who doubts that it is a practical one?

So much for the object of Congress. Now how can it best be accomplished? How can we best insure success to the meeting so soon to take place? We will tell you.

To each of the Chapters we would say: Lose no time in coming together. First elect your delegate, and see to it that he is the best man in the chapter—wise, self-possessed, a good debater, well-taught in Fraternity matters, and, withal, genial and attractive in manners. Then discuss earnestly, like business men, such measures for the welfare of the Order as you think should be introduced at Congress. If you think anything is wanting in our organic law, or that reform is needed therein, agree upon something that will, in your judgment, supply the omission in the one case, and, likewise, agree upon some measure that will correct the evil in the other. But don't, we beseech you, come to Congress with proposed amendments to the Constitution because, forsooth, you think it is your duty—the duty of every chapter—to do so, whether or not the actual necessity for such proposed amendments exists. First satisfy yourself, beyond a doubt, that, from your own experience, the necessity does exist, and then act; and may you act wisely. Only remember that our Constitution is the work of years, and that it is the joint production of many of our Mother's wisest and oldest and truest sons—men—men we say, not boys—whose hearts and souls were enlisted in the work, and whose education, experience and special qualifications well fitted them for the task. But these brothers are human and hence not infallible, and so they may have erred.

To the Alumni we would say: Make it your duty, as it should be your pleasure, to come to the Congress. Arrange your affairs so that you may take five or six days' holiday without interfering with any of your home duties. The respite from business will be a relief to you, and will the better fit you for work when you return to your respective avocations. Bring your wives with you—each one of you who has a wife (we intend to let ours go, and, may-be shall take two or three Alpha Tau grandchildren, too), and so give them a trip. Just say to the "sisters" that we will initiate them into the "mysteries"—and they will be sure to come, and to bring their husbands with them. Seriously, we want to have a large representation from our honored Alumni. Many are coming, as we are assured on all sides, but we cannot have too many. We will have work to do at the next Congress, of course; still it is not designed to be a working body, but, par excellence, a happy body. We propose to have a grand jollification, a sort of jubilee whereat we shall celebrate our unparalleled triumphs and successes. We think we are justified in rejoicing; surely the facts warrant uncommon exuberance of spirits. Alpha Tau Omega to-day occupies a position that in our most sanguine moment (and we have never been other than sanguine) we never dared dream she could so soon secure—a position that no Fraternity in the land, twice as old and twice as large, occupies. We don't say this in a spirit of vain boasting. We detest such a spirit. We believe every word we write is true, solemnly true. And so, we repeat, we have a right to rejoice and be happy.

Come then, Brother Alumni, and add your voices, and in one grand diapason we will sing the triumphs of our glorious Alpha Tau Omega.

LITERARY NOTICES.

First Latin Book. University Grammar School, University of the South, 1882. Charles McD. Puckette, B. A., First Assistant, Sewanee, Tenn. Published by the Author. 1882.

This little book is the embodiment of the result of the author's practical and successful experience as an instructor of youth. It differs radically from most of the current "First Latin Books," in that it aims to furnish instruction adapted to the varying intellectual conditions with which the average teacher has to cope. The style of the book is simple, its matter within the easy comprehension of beginners, and, withal, is methodically and logically arranged.

In the hands of a practical teacher it will, we doubt not, be found a useful text-book.

The Epigoniad. Published by Michigan Alpha-Mu Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. 1882.

The honor of having published the first "Annual" at Adrian College belongs to one of our chapters—the noble Michigan Alpha-Mu. We are indebted to the Editors, Brothers T. W. Colhouer, J. S. Vandervort and A. E. Kirk, for a copy of their very creditable journal.

The Epigomad contains, as a frontispiece, a picture of Adrian College, showing four or five handsome buildings; lists of the Faculty and the Trustees; announcements for 1882; a list of the members of the chapter; photographs of the Fraternity coat-of-arms and the fourteen members of the chapter—including that of Prof. J. D. H. Cornelius, A. M., a member of the Faculty; a salutatory; a poem, entitled "Alpha Tau Omega," by Bro. W. H. Bruff; a capital article on "The College Fraternity"; a "History of Michigan Alpha-Mu," and a complimentary notice of Iota Beta of Delta Tau Delta—the only other Fraternity represented at Adrian; besides such other matter as is usually found

in College "Annuals." We congratulate Michigan Alpha-Mu on the success of its journal, and we congratulate the Fraternity on possessing such a splendid-looking body of men as are the members of this chapter—supposing their photographs can be taken as faithful liknesses.

The Gridiron, published by Beta Zeta Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. St. Lawrence University, 1882.

This is another College Annual gotten up—as everything is that emanates from our sister Fraternity—in very handsome style. It has a complete table of Contents which gives one a very good idea of St. Lawrence University. In its introductory article we find this kind allusion to our chapter at the University: "We cordially greet the N. Y. Alpha-Omicron Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, which was incorporated a few months since. The chapter has opened with an active and energetic set of men, and we welcome it with the wish that its efforts for success may meet with ample reward, and at the same time be always coupled with that desire to advance the interest of its *Alma Mater* which has ever characterized the spirit of its older neighbors." There is one other Fraternity at St. Lawrence, viz., the Kappa Kappa Gamma (Ladies).

Prof. B. J. Pink, A. M., late of the Faculty, is a member of our chapter.

The Gridiron contains much interesting matter, and, withal, is filled with *side-splitting* illustrations which reflect credit on its "special artist."

The University Record, published by the Graduating Class of the University of Pennsylvania. Commencement Day, June 15, 1882.

Another Annual, for a copy of which we are indebted to Bro. F. H. Easby, a graduate of the University. This, like the others, is a most creditable journal. It contains 132 pages, and is filled with interesting and humorous writing and laughable illustrations.

The "Prophecy" is a most cleverly-written article, and is deserving of special mention.

There are at the University of Pennsylvania eight Secret Fraternities, viz., (in the order of their establishment there) Zeta Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Beta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, and Delta Phi.

We close our "Literary Notices" with the *Arcana*. Now, but for the words "compliments of," written before the printed name of the editor-in-chief—our good friend, Charles R. Trowbridge, Esq, and the letters "A. T. Q." following the names of the members of our Pennsylvania Alpha-Upsilon Chapter, we should be in some doubt as to the birthplace of the *Arcana*. But these show us that it is *Gettysburg*, Pa.

The editors state that it has been six years since a similar publication has been issued from their *Alma Mater*, and that as this (1882) is her semi-centennial year, they have thought that the preparation of this little pamphlet would be a worthy and fitting tribute to the numerous sons who have gone out into the world, and to their common mother.

"If we have succeeded," say they, "in raising one hearty laugh; made one fellow-student forget for awhile 'his trials and great tribulations,' we will feel amply repaid."

Rest assured, Messrs. Editors, you have succeeded.

There are five Fraternities at Gettysburg College, viz.: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Tau Omega, and there were 171 students in attendance last session.

BRIEFS.

- -Congress!
- -Washington, D. C.!
- -December 27th, 1882!
- —The time is fast approaching.
- —Let all begin now to get ready.

- —This issue of the *Palm* has been unavoidably delayed.
- —Most of the chapters have already chosen their delegates to Congress.
- —We want to see a big turnout of alumni at Washington on Dec. 27th.
- —Most of our new chapters are doing all we could wish; but several are moving slowly. What's the matter?
- —Almost every mail brings us letters from members—active and alumni—who announce their determination to attend Congress.
- —Remember, the time for the assembling of Congress is December the 27th, and not the 28th, as we erroneously stated in our last number.
- —We wish we could stir up members to aid us in our work on the *Palm*. Contributions are always in order and will be gratefully received.
- —Everybody who can will certainly be present at the next Congress, and those brothers whose duties will keep them away will anxiously await tidings of the grand jubilee.
- —Complaints still reach us that subscribers fail to receive their copies of the *Palm*. It is the fault, brothers, of the postal service. The system surely needs reforming.
- —We have made but few additions to our subscription-book lately. Brothers must turn over a new leaf. However, we'll do that ourselves, if the subscriptions shall justify it.
- —We want to keep the "Song Book" matter before the Fraternity. We are sure we have poetical talent in our ranks, and we want to see it practically utilized for the benefit of the Order.
- —We expend more thought and time preparing the department entitled "Other Fraternities" than any other in our Journal. We hope our readers agree with us in thinking it a most valuable feature of the *Palm*.
- —We must not fail to bring up the "Pan-Hellenic" question at Congress. All the Fraternities, except the Phi Delta Theta, are moving, or will soon move, in the matter. We regard it as a most important question.
- —There have been four State Alumni Associations organized. That's good; but we ought to have done better by this time. We must push the matter at Congress. The Alumni in every State should be thoroughly organized.

- —The Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals has still a few copies of Baird's "American College Fraternities" (revised notice of A. T. Q.) left, which will be mailed, postage free, on the receipt of the price—two dollars. Address Box 194, Richmond, Va.
- —We are happy to announce the safe return home from Europe of Bro. Glazebrook, much improved in health. He has fallen naturally into harness again and is working diligently, as chairman of the High Council, to insure a successful Congress.
- —Arrangements will soon be perfected by which *reduced* rates will be insured to all who shall attend Congress—both on the transportation lines leading to Washington and at the hotels in the city. The result will be announced in our December number.
- —We claim that the *Palm* is the most complete journal of the kind in the land in the variety and systematic arrangement of its contents. The different departments, with their several subheads, can't be improved, we think, either by addition or subtraction.
- —The *Palm* has subscribers in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Dakota, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indian Territory, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington Territory, Wisconsin, and Mexico.
- —We wish to call the attention of the members of the Fraternity to the *Memorial* Department of our Journal. It is undoubtedly one of its most important, as well as interesting features, and the Fraternity should sustain it, even though every other department is suffered to languish. Biographical sketches of our deceased members are, therefore, always welcome.
- —We devote considerable space in this issue of the *Palm* to the now celebrated "Purdue Case"; having copied from *The Sigma Chi* the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana in relation to it in full. We have done this because we regard the decision as a most important victory for College Secret Fraternities; and we want to give the members of Alpha Tau Omega an opportunity to see it.
- —Never before in the history of the Fraternity have we known the work of preparing for the meeting of Congress to be undertaken with the spirit that characterizes all the Departments of

the Order at this time. The High Council especially has been most diligent in perfecting the necessary details; and the members of the Fraternity may rest assured that nothing will be left undone to insure the largest attendance of delegates and visiting brothers ever seen at a Congress.

—This number contains quite a number of "Clippings," which we are sure will be interesting to our readers. In this connection we will say that nothing is more welcome to the editors of the *Palm* than extracts from newspapers and other periodicals which give us news of our members, and tell us—as they often do—of their triumphs and successes. Brothers and other kind friends can aid us in making our Fraternity's history by sending us clippings that refer to members of the Fraternity. Remember this.

-We would call our readers' attention to the poem of Bro. Moye Wicks, which will be found in another department. It is indeed a short romance, and possesses, in our judgment, considerable merit. It belongs to the class of poems by Bret Harte, &c., and we think compares favorably with any of them. It contains, however, the same false idea of atonement that characterizes most of the poems of its stamp. That and the fact that they so strongly enlist our sympathies is what makes their influence dangerous. The pathos of them is true, but they all hinge on the idea that no matter how low and bad a man may be, he may still have some good in him—some idea of atonement. We confess this idea carries with it a fascination for us. It is noble to confess and repent of a wrong done a fellow-creature, and to do all in our power to atone for it to him. Yet, it is contrary to the spirit of religion to trust to our good acts to redeem our misdeeds. We recall, just here, a few lines from one of this class of poems which illustrate our meaning:

[&]quot;He want no saint—them engineers is all pretty much alike— One wife in Natchez, under the hill, and another one here in Pike. But he seen his duty a dead sure thing, and he went for it thar and then; And Christ aint agoing to be too hard on a man that died for men."

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ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

We, as a band of brothers true,
To-day on classic soil unite;
And pledge our hearts and hands anew
To ever battle for the right.

To Alpha Taus assembled here
The hand of fellowship we give;
And say to brothers, far and near:
Long may our noble Order live!

When first her eyes beheld the light—
Just as the cannon ceased its boom—
The war o'er all had cast its blight,
And covered all with grief and gloom.

Yet, in the midst of troubles great,
She struggled onward in the race,
Favored by Fortune and by Fate,—
Still pressing on with measured pace.

When first she trod the road to Fame, By all her trials undismayed, She ever strove to gain a name Of honor that would never fade.

By slow but sure degrees she rose
In her triumphal, proud advance;
Fearless, when face to face with foes,
And n'er afraid to cross a lance.

At last she saw her efforts crowned
With glorious victory and success;
Her youthful brow with laurel bound,
The Palm wave proudly o'er her crest.

Founded by brothers tried and true, Chapters we see on every hand, From far Lawrentian waters blue To Louisiana's Southern strand.

Thro'out our land, in college walls,
Our worthy Brotherhood is known;
And in our Alma Mater's halls
The seed of Truth and Love are sown.

To-day, before her sons she stands Holding aloft her banner bright, Praising the labors of their hands, And ready, eager for the fight.

Our zeal increasing, more and more, She'll gain in strength yet every day,— Till from the East to Western shore, Our Order proud will hold her sway.

When centuries have come and flown, When Time's last cycle is complete, She'll stand triumphant at the Throne— Free from dishonor and deceit.

There, Truth we'll see resplendent shine, Shedding its lustre far and wide; While Friendship, Virtue, Love divine, Glow brilliantly on every side.

Then let us ever faithful try
To spread abroad our noble name;
And ever thus to live and die
In unison of heart and aim.

Yes, let the brothers of our band Here bound by Friendship's golden chain, Promote her cause thro'out the land, Preserve her name from spot or stain.

B. B. Ross, (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '79).

OUR TEMPLE.

Within these walls so holy
No enmity is found;
The voice of Friendship solely
Here sweetly echoes round.
And gladly is obey'd the call
That summons to our Council Hall.

In our fraternal union
Love is the guide we own;
In deeds is our communion,
And not in words alone.
The fallen one a brother's hand
Uplifts, and helps him firm to stand.

In this divine seclusion
Our hands our hearts disclose,
Secure from all intrusion
Of traitors and of foes.
Here blossom under God's own eye
The flowers of Truth that never die.

C. C. ZIEGLER, (Pa. Alpha-Rho, '82).

THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.*

The College Fraternity is classed, with something of propriety, among the so-called "secret societies." Like the family circle, the circle of business, co-partnership, and the various organizations to which the term "secret" is especially applied, it is emphatically a *private* circle. It receives none but invited guests. Its order of exercises, its special plans and methods are not proclaimed to the outside world.

But the College Fraternity makes no secret of its membership. On the contrary, each member is proud to avow his allegiance, and to wear the badge and colors of that brotherhood to which he belongs.

Neither does the Fraternity make any secret of its purpose, aim and motives. For these it desires no concealment.

Its general motive is to build upon a solid foundation a lasting friendship between young men, whose tastes, sentiments, and aspirations are largely identical.

While it aims to develop new friendships, it loves still better to strengthen the old, by bringing such into the Fraternity. This friendship, or more properly, this brotherly love, is the true fra-

^{*}From The Epigoniad of Adrian College, published by Michigan Alpha-Mu Chapter.

ternity, yea, fraternal spirit, and "this must be the underlying principle and controlling motive of every College Fraternity, else its work will come to naught, its builders build in vain." But this friendship must itself rest firmly upon a solid basis of true moral worth. Every member of a Fraternity is in a measure entrusted with the honor and reputation of the entire membership. He should remember that while every noble deed will shed its lustre upon the entire brotherhood, so that lustre may be dimmed by any act of unworthiness on the part of a fellow-member.

Therefore, let the outposts be well guarded, and let no one be admitted without substantial evidence that he will be found worthy of this sacred trust. Again, the Fraternity should be ever ready to recognize true merit, even when clothed in the garb of modesty and unassuming diffidence. It should be ever ready to encourage talent, especially that talent which vaunts not itself, but is perhaps too willing to remain in the background. Its aim is nothing less than to contribute, as far as possible, to the personal improvement and advancement of each member.

It should encourage the diffident, check the impulsive, stimulate the indolent, and, in fact, aim to develop in each member what he most needs in the attainment of true manhood.

The nobility of these purposes is unquestioned. The benefits to be derived from such a course are undoubted and incalculable, and the only question to be asked is, Are these the motives which actuate our College Fraternities? We answer that there are College Fraternities which are proud to avow these purposes, and to claim a certain measure of success in their achievement. Possibly last, but not least among them, will be found Alpha Tau Omega.

Shakspeare says, "the good that men do lives after them." The good that Fraternities do often becomes most manifest after the close of college life. A man often needs assistance at the outset of his active career more than at any other time. What to do, and where to go at this juncture, are the important prob-

lems, and it happens not unfrequently that a brother can render valuable aid in their solution. Direct personal friendship has accomplished much, but the member of an active, whole-souled College Fraternity feels that the benefits of friendship have been immensely enlarged and strengthened by this connection.

And now one word to my brothers in Alpha Tau Omega. In our intercourse with Fraternities we should strive to cultivate the most harmonious and friendly relations. If an issue becomes inevitable, let it be met and settled promptly upon the most honorable basis. In our relations with all men never forget that the spirit of true chivalry has been embodied in the principles of our order. "Let it be your pride and pleasure to point to your chapter and be able to say, No man who ever belonged to that chapter was anything but a gentleman in the highest sense of the word; and may you be able to say further, No institution where the Alpha Tau Omega badge was ever worn is the worse for it, but the better."

WHAT YOUNG MEN SHOULD DO.

It is common to hear about what the country owes to the young men. The point for young men to consider is what they owe to their country. The young man who spends his time thinking of the duties others owe to him, instead of considering what he can do in the world with his manhood's strength, should doff his toga and be put in care of a nurse. When the country calls for defenders from invasion the young men are the first to volunteer, and they bravely face hardships and danger and death. Shall they fail then to serve their country, as she most needs, when the peril is political and moral rather than from invasion? What are the young men of the land doing to purify its morals and to strengthen the popular sense of honor and of justice? Are not young men the ones most prone to yield to vice? Yet inspiration tells us "the glory of young men is their strength."

To yield to temptation is weakness as well as sin. It is a slander to say that the young men are so given to pleasure-seeking as to care nothing for higher things. They will even lay down their lives on the altar of patriotism or in defense of their honor. But we, as young men, need to feel that vice is weakness as well as guilt. We need to listen to the call coming from every quarter for those whose manhood is strong, unstained by sin, and not weakened by vice. If the young men do not purify the land, where can we expect purity to come from?

Yes, vice is weakness. It requires no strength, no courage, no talent, to yield to sin. No man is so weak that he cannot do wrong. Any fool can drink and swear and gamble and be licentious. These things require no talent, no anything worth having. But the virtues,—they require strength, nobleness, and manhood. A lifeless log can float with the current, but to stem the current and go up stream—ah, that requires strength and resistance. Alas, that with our fallen natures the current to evil should be so strong that it will sweep everything before it, unless vigorously resisted. Who shall man the life-boats that alone can rescue the perishing and reach the shore, if the young men drift listlessly with the tide? The strength of young men must be vigorously brought to bear against the evil in the world. They have the strength which must draw what is valuable through the tide of time. Let us as Alpha Taus especially remember this.

"The glory of young men is their strength;" and we may add that the shame of young men is their weakness. This battle with evil, this fight with the Dragon is humanity's one conflict, and it becomes young men to be foremost in the fray. A man's strength is given him that he may do a man's work in the world. If we see a strong man spending his time chasing butterflies or blowing soap bubbles, we conclude he is idiotic. Shall we then devote our strength to the pursuit of earthly success and pleasure? Shall we not seek to make the world nobler, purer and better, because we have lived in it? After all, what are earth's wealth and

pleasure but butterflies eluding our grasp, bubbles breaking into thin air at the door of the tomb? Let us not spend our strength on things that perish, but let us work on character which abides. By working on our own characters and those of the people around us, we rear for ourselves "monuments more lasting than brass, and loftier than the regal site of the pyramids." More lasting than brass, for they will shine forth undimmed when all earth's brazen tablets have crumbled to dust; loftier than the pyramids, for they reach to the very throne of the Eternal.

T. T. EATON.

"TEMPORA MUTANTUR, ET NOS MUTAMUR IN ILLIS."

1872—1882! Ten years of time! Not much to the thoughtless man, but a great deal to him who stops, now and then, and casts a look backwards. How much of light and shade may be crowded into ten years! How many changes, bringing joy or sorrow, may occur in a period so brief!

I was not one of the earliest builders in the realm of A. T. Q., but I began my work before the expiration of the first ten years of our Order's life.

When, in 1872, Brothers D. O. Thomas and F. P. Bond, of the chapter at Cumberland University, came to Russellville, Ky., a lovely little town in the "knob region" of the "Dark and Bloody Ground," to initiate into the mysteries of A. T. Q. myself and one other, I was a wild, thoughtless youth, paying infinitely more attention to sundry handsome Kentucky girls than to the graver concerns of college duties. In a quiet room at the hotel in Russellville, Brother Thomas W. Bond and I were "put through" the first movements necessary to make us members of the A. T. Q. household. Rare fun it was to us, who then knew but little of the nature of the obligations and responsibilities we were assuming.

One other joined us afterwards, the Rev. J. W. Whitfield, of whom I have heard but one word since I left college in Kentucky. Dead!—that was the word.

Of Thomas W. Bond, I afterwards knew many and glorious things. To a life full of goodness and sweetness, he, in early manhood, affixed an end not less beautiful than that of the brightest hero and martyr that ever caused a page of history to shine with the lustre of his name.

D. O. Thomas, "the solid man," with the prefix of "Hon." to his name, now serves his native State, Tennessee, in a high civil capacity.

F. P. Bond, escaping the murderer's bullet, still lives to charm a large circle of devoted followers with swift-flowing words from his silver tongue. A more courtly, a more free-hearted, a more lovable man than Frank Pugh Bond never lived.

Of myself I can say but this: I wonder what President Noah K. Davis, once of Bethel College, now of the University of Virginia, would say, if he knew that the young man whom he once threatened to send home is now a staid husband and father, and the Principal of a High School which boasts a larger number of students than Bethel ever had?

"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis!"

In the office of a bank, in Memphis, I met, in 1873, M. L. Wicks. I know but one other man who equals Wicks in elegance of manners. I shall mention his name after awhile. Not many members of A. T. Q. know the honorable thing Wicks did once. Not many know that the bank in which he, as treasurer of our Order, had deposited the A. T. Q. funds, failed. Not many know that, though through no fault of his the bank failed, he volunteered to replace the A. T. Q. funds, and did replace them. Wicks, I learn, far away from his native State, is earning renown on the Pacific coast. Success to him!

At the meeting of the West Tennessee Baptist Convention, in 1873, I think, I saw a tall, awkward-looking man arise to preach.

"Who is that?" I asked of my neighbor. "That is Tom Eaton." I settled myself to hear a common-place sermon, but the first dozen words of the preacher taught me that I was to listen to a master. How the earnest fire of his words aroused me! When the Examiner, of New York, said of him, "T. T. Eaton—The Thoughtful Eaton," I thought, "This is well deserved; to no other young man could the words be so aptly applied."

Where is the "awkward-looking man" now? Pastor of one of the most famous churches in the land.

"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis."

There were the two Elders, with one of whom I was in college. Both are now leading lawyers in the eastern section of Tennessee.

There were C. W. Gleaves and C. S. Hart (both now physicians)—neither of whom I ever saw, but with both of whom I once corresponded—one taking high rank in Virginia, and the other filling a position assured in Nebraska. I never knew, personally, any of the members of the old chapter at Roanoke College, but I loved them all. What a glorious band they were! Nothing, in a number of years, has pleased me more than the re-establishment of the chapter at Roanoke.

Renick was one of the members of the old chapter. He, as you know, is now settled in Atlanta, and is sure to succeed there. What else could be expected of one "who makes you think everything he owns is yours," as a member of the chapter at Mercer University remarked to me of Renick, some time ago?

There was W. H. Page—you have heard of him, havn't you?—who, when he was at Randolph Macon, did me the honor of writing to me. I have now two or three letters of his filed away. His handwriting looked like copper-plate engraving. I remember, when I was admitted to the bar, just after I was nineteen, that he expressed some surprise that one of my age should be permitted to practice law in Georgia. The old statute, which required as a qualification for admission to the bar in Georgia that one should be twenty-one years old, was repealed when the

Hon. T. R. R. Cobb, then quite a youth, applied for admission. The statute has never been re-enacted.

But what were all these ten years ago? Boys.

"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis."

I remember, in 1877, while I was living in New York, to have received a long letter from a brother known as Jos. R. Anderson, Jr. "Who is this?" I thought.

At this distance I can very easily answer that question, and that, too, without aid.

When I received the letter, I might have known, from the vigorous, pointed manner in which he dug his pen into the paper, that Jos. R. Anderson, Jr., was the new Moses who was destined to lead A. T. Ω . out of Egypt. The Joshua, too, destined to lead A. T. Ω . into the promised land he was and is. Ah, Brother Anderson, you needn't think that your modesty and total failure to assume anything blinds anybody as to the value of your labors for A. T. Ω .! We old ones know something of what you have done, and we are not going to forget it. My own opinion is that Jos. R. Anderson, Jr's. name ought to come just under the Founders' names with this addition thereto: "Rescuer."

Brother Hayes—I shall not soon forget that name! I saw it, for the first time, attached to the paper that admitted me into A. T. Q.

Glazebrook! This is the man whose elegance of manner equals, excels, that of Wicks. Nobody, unless he be one of us, can know how much we miss Glazebrook from Georgia. It was my good fortune to know something of the inside of Brother Glazebrook's home. None, save those who have shared its hospitalities, can know the beauty of that home. Its master, hospitality itself; its mistress, presiding with an undisturbed grace rarely equalled; and the young people, little gentlemen and little ladies all—what a Paradise it was to those who were admitted within its portals! But now—his wonted place is vacant, and the members of the

A. T. Q. in Georgia have suffered a personal loss. How changed Macon seems to us all now!

"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis."

If you ask why I omitted the refrain after what I have written concerning Jos. R. Anderson, Jr., I answer thus: There is no change in Jos. R. Anderson, Jr. He is what he has ever been—the most devoted worker in all A, T. Q.

Good-night.

IVERSON BRANHAM.

Buena Vista, Ga.

A SUGGESTION.

The peculiar character of the *Palm's* circulation suggests the idea that an interchange of views with regard to the judicious selection of a professional life will be productive of great good to the Fraternity throughout its entire extent. There are broad, general principles which should govern us, even though we admit the special coloring derived in each case from exceptional influences, opportunities and inclinations. A general spirit of independence in such matters must be cultivated, however much cherished plans and purposes may suffer. The varied conditions under which the problem presents itself to anxious minds should receive full exposition in the *Palm*; and, with this object in view, let brothers contribute short articles on the subject, stating clearly and briefly the conclusions to which they have eome and the grounds upon which such conclusions are based.

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.

[From James H. McCord (Va. Alpha, '75), Merchant, Pueblo, Colorado.]

My Dear Brother:—Your very kind letter reached me while I was still very ill, and I trust that on that account you will pardon the long delay of my answer. To you, of all others, I wish to express my thanks for your sympathy, and to assure you that my appreciation was not limited. I can now pronounce myself on the road to complete recovery, after being confined to my room for nearly eleven weeks.

I have not received the last issue of the *Palm*, which, if my memory serves me correctly, should have been in October. Will you kindly have one mailed to my address? Probably,

during my absence, it was mislaid.

The work of the A. T. Q. is indeed going on. No opportunity presents itself for me to know the proceedings of the Fraternity other than through the medium of the Palm; and, although this is the first time that it has "run absent" (as we used to say at the V. M. I.), it seems as though an old friend had failed to appear at the appointed time.

With my sincere regards and best wishes for yourself,

I am yours, indeed, in A. T. Ω .,

JAMES H. McCord.

[We are truly thankful to learn that our dear brother's health has been restored to him. We know his letter will bring glad tidings to the many Alpha Taus who hold him in fond remembrance.—Eds.]

[From M. S. Stevens (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '79), Law Student, Tuskaloosa, Ala.]

Dear Brother: — Please send the Palm, as it appears, to me at this place. Will renew my subscription before long. I have stopped teaching, and am now in the Law Department of the University here.

If the new Catalogue is out, please send me a copy.

Fraternally,

M. SPOFF STEVENS.

[From Walter T. Daniel (Va. Delta, '78), Lawyer, 146 Broadway, New York.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—The Palm comes now regularly, and with its cheerful and fraternal enthusiasm the heart of the

true Alpha Tau is indeed made glad.

The question of the solicitation of aliens can, with the thorough and efficient organization of the State Alumni Associations, be solved to a great extent. It should be the chief end of the S. A. Associations to endorse the good men from their respective centres, and secure them by initiatory influences.

I shall start, if possible, the alumni ball here this fall.

Yours fraternally,

WALTER T. DANIEL.

[From S. H. BOYD (N. C. Alpha-Eta, '81), Reidsville, N. C.

My Dear Brother: - Will you please write me if we have any brothers in Nashville, Tenn., or at the Vanderbilt University? One of the members of the N. C. Alpha-Eta is going there, and if we have not a chapter there, he is a good man and may do some good work for our beloved Order. Can you furnish all of the back numbers of the Palm? Please write to me at Reidsville, N. C., care Reidsville Bank, and give me the desired information.

I am your brother in A. T. Ω . bonds,

S. H. BOYD.

[From W. M. WIKOFF (Mich. Alpha-Mu, '82), Teacher, Philo, Ill.]

Dear Sir and Brother: - Please send my Palm here instead of to Adrian, Mich. I am teaching here at present.

Could you furnish me the first volume of the Palm if I send

you the subscription price?

ription price rYours in the bonds of A. T. Q., W. M. WIKOFF.

[From James R. Kemper (Va. Rho, '74), Stock Raiser, Fishersville, Va.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—Allow me to express my sincere regrets at not being able to attend the conference of Alpha Taus held in your city some time ago. Nothing would have given me so much pleasure as to have been there. I was not notified in. time, and was just upon the eve of a long-deferred visit to my native county and home, which would have been postponed, but the invitation came too late. At any rate, accept my sincere and earnest hope that the State Alumni Association may soon become

fully organized, and that a time and place may be designated for

its first assembly.

I trust that something very definite may be accomplished upon this most important question, and immediate action be taken to utilize this great strong arm of the glorious Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. I feel that more real substantial good can be accomplished for the Society by the united action of the numerous alumni than by any other means; and certainly there are but few of that body that would not feel a deep interest in the undertaking, if it was properly brought to their attention.

I am personally known to Hon. John Paul and J. S. Harnsberger, of Harrisonburg; also to F. H. Berlin, now of California, and others of our Fraternity, formerly of this section. Hoping that we may soon have a thoroughly organized Alumni Associ-

ation, I remain sincerely,

Yours in fraternal bonds of A. T. Q.,

JAMES R. KEMPER.

(From J. T. West (Ga. Alpha-Zeta, '80), Worthy Master Georgia State Alumni Association, Thomson, Ga.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—Inclosed you will find my subscription to the Palm for two years. Since subscribing one year ago, I have received only two copies, but I suppose it was through

some defect of the mails.

Owing to quite a misunderstanding as to the time of holding the State Association Convention—the published time being June 25th, while in reality it was to have taken place during the Athen's Commencement some time in July—we failed to have a meeting this year. I would have corrected the error as to time, but did not notice the mistake until it was too late to change it. I hope we will be more fortunate next year, as I shall call the meeting with the Oxford boys. I will soon send you notice as to time. With many good wishes for the success of the *Palm*, and love to yourself,

I remain your brother,

'J. T. WEST.

[From Dr. C. W. Kollock (Va. Alpha, '73), Resident Physician Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.]

Dear Brother:—Please send the next issue of the Palm to me at this place. I will be here as resident physician until April 1st, '83.

Fraternally,

C. W. KOLLOCK.

[From W. L. RADNEY (Ga. Alpha-Beta, '79), La Grange, Ga.)

Dear Sir and Brother:—The Alpha Taus of Troup county, Ga.—viz: D. J. Gaffney, James H. Pitman, Sam. Boykin, W. H. Shaw, Ashton Cary, W. Scott, Albert Y. Harris and myself, with others of adjoining counties—wish to establish an Alumni Chapter of our Order here at La Grange. The Chairman of the High Council is in Europe, I learn, and so I write to you for information, and hope you will help us in the premises as much as you possibly can.

A. T. Q. and the fortunate wearers of the Maltese cross are under many obligations to you for the effectual, noble work you have made the Palm do for our beloved Order. May it continue

as it has been—the best of Fraternity journals.

Georgia's clime prospers Alpha Tau Omega. She is now

the equal of any similar organization in the State.

Just here, let me know about the monumental fund of Brother J. T. Malone. I want to add my mite to it. It will be my privilege—the privilege of every Alpha Tau who knew the sterling character and moral and intellectual worth of our dear and fondly-remembered brother—to aid in rearing a monument to his memory. Write me soon.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

W. L. RADNEY.

[From E. H. DAVIS (N. C. Xi., '77), Teacher, Louisburgh, N. C.]

Dear Brother Anderson:—I forwarded you some time ago my subscription to the Palm, but think I have failed to hear from you or it since. Please do not pass me by when you mail it. I do not want to miss a single copy. When you get out the Catalogue send me a copy and I will forward immediately whatever money is necessary. I want to get an A. T. Q. badge. Tell me what steps are necessary. I continue to teach school at this place.

Fraternally yours,

E. H. DAVIS.

[From John T. McChesney (Va. Beta, '72), Cashier Brown County Bank, Aberdeen, Dakota.]

My Dear Brother:—As evidence that the Palm is always welcome please find enclosed draft for \$2

come, please find enclosed draft for \$2.

The letters from Alumni are of great interest to me, and I only wish that more of them would write. I issue a call for Martin, Paxton, Palmer, Snyder, Gadsden, Owen and in fact all of our

old crowd of the Va. Beta, to make themselves heard in your next issue, and let us know where they are and how they are prospering.

As for myself, you will see by the letterhead that I am in the banking business. Have been here now about eight months.

We have a glorious country, and I am doing well.

I have lately been made County Treasurer, and one of the "City Aldermen" (more glory than emolument at present), and when you add to this the fact that the entire business of the Bank rests on me, you can see that I have my hands full. I am always glad, however, to devote a moment to you and your good work.

Your brother.

JOHN T. McCHESNEY.

[From W. A. JENKINS (N. C. Alpha-Eta, '81), Clerk, Norfolk, Va.]

Dear Brother:—I write to ask when the next number of the Palm will come out. I am living here now with Messrs. Parker & Carr, cotton factors. Please send the next copy to me here in their care. I have met one of the brothers since I have been here—Brother Harry Brown (Va. Rho).

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours in the bonds,

W. A. JENKINS.

[From J. K. Alston (Va. Alpha, '78), Dawkins, S. C.]

Dear Brother: —I enclose one year's subscription to the Palm; please send it to me at this place. I would like for you to send

me the back numbers that have been issued since June.

I have been to ____, where the ____ College is situated, and I think there is room for one of our chapters in the college, although several other Fraternities have established themselves there. If some brother in this State will communicate with me and co-operate with me, I would like to establish a chapter there.

I had the pleasure lately of meeting Brother Barrett, of Va. Beta, and Brother Boykin, of Tenn. Omega. What has been done with the Va. Alpha? When I left the chapter last June the few remaining members promised to set it up again, but I have heard nothing from them.

With the best wishes for the success of the Fraternity, I remain

as ever, Fraternally yours,

Jos. K. Alston.

P. S.-I would like for you to notice in your next issue the

kindness of Mr. Edward N. Eubank, of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, in restoring to me a badge which I had lost, and never expected to see again, as it was dropped on the N. & W. R. R., with which Mr. E. is connected. He went to some little trouble to restore it to me.

J. K. A.

[We take pleasure in calling attention to the kind act of Mr. Eubank. This is the second time the *Palm* has been asked to publicly acknowledge the thanks of a brother for having recovered his badge through the kindness of a fellow Greek.—Eds.]

[From S. B. THOMPSON (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '80), Manufacturer, Lake City, Fla.]

My Dear Brother:—The three numbers of the Palm and your postal just to hand. Thanks for your kind words. Am truly sorry about Nos. I and 2 of Vol. I. I am willing to pay a dollar for those two copies if they can in any way be procured. Please pardon my impatient postal mailed yesterday.

I have an eye to an institution at ———, in this State, where I trust one day to see a flourishing chapter. With respects, &c.,

Yours fraternally,

S. Boteler Thompson.

[From C. E. HERRICK (N. C. Alpha-Eta, '81), Tampa, Fla.]

Dear Brother:—I notice that my subscription to the Palm has expired. I enclose P. O. order for one dollar, payable to your order; would send fifty if I had them. God bless the Palm! I don't know how I would get along without it. I was like some benighted soul looking for the Palm to come, and I simply devoured it immediately on its arrival. I am sorry to notice that N. C. Alpha-Eta had so short a letter in the last; it certainly looks as if some one was derelict in performing his duty. I will write to them to be more prompt and write longer letters, for it is the only means by which I can form any idea of how they are progressing. I am glad to notice that our Northern chapters are doing so well. May our grand Fraternity spread her wings over this great continent, and go beyond the seas into foreign lands and do good.

I will close, for I must tire you. I will inform you of my departure from Tampa, should I leave soon. Until then please

send the Palm there.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

C. E. HERRICK.

[From Rev. H. B. LEE (Va. Beta, '71), Rector Leed's (Episcopal) Church, Markham, Va.]

My Dear Brother:

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I received the By-Laws of the Virginia State Alumni Association you so kindly sent.

I mean to attend the Congress in December next if possible.

Very faithfully your brother,

H. B. LEE.

[From J. P. Moore (N. C. Alpha-Eta, '82), Callahan, Fla.]

Dear Brothers:—I send enclosed one dollar for the Palm. Please send back numbers. I would like to know if the Catalogue of all our members has been published yet. If it has, please send it to me, and I will return the charges immediately. Can you tell me if there are any other of our "boys" in Florida now? If so, how many? who are they? and where do they reside?

Your brother in the A. T. Q.,

J. P. Moore.

[From C. W. WARWICK (Va. Alpha, '79), Dayton, Washington Territory.]

Dear Brother!:—Enclosed please find \$1 postal order for my subscription to the Palm. I have been particularly unfortunate in my efforts to subscribe for the Palm. This is the third time I have sent the money, once from Virginia, again from Atlanta, Ga., but I always neglected to take the precaution to insure the letters reaching you. This accounts for my seeming indifference. Send me back copies from September, '82. Success to the journal! If I can be of any service, pecuniarily or otherwise, let me know. Yours in A. T. Q.,

C. W. WARWICK.

[We have received two subscriptions from the brother—the first through Bro. E. I. Renick, of Atlanta, Ga. We acknowledged the receipt of both, and have mailed the *Palm*, as the numbers were issued, to Bro. W. in Bro. Renick's care, as directed.—EDS.]

[From Howard Lamar (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '79), Principal High School, Marianna, Fla.]

Dear Brother:—Your letter of November 6th reached me last night, and I hasten to reply. I am now living at this place. I completed my course in college last June, and have taken charge of the High School here. Since the railroad has reached us our town has grown very rapidly, and my prospects are fine. We have a glorious climate down here, and if you ever chance to make a trip to the "Land of Flowers," I would be overjoyed to have you pay me a visit.

You ask for the address of Bros. E. P. Alexander, Jr., and W. H. Lamar, Jr. The former will receive a letter addressed to him at Augusta, Ga., care General E. P. Alexander. I do not know exactly where he is now; he is traveling somewhere, I think. Brother W. H. Lamar, Jr., is at Wilmington, N. C.

You may rest assured that — A. E. Chapter will be repre-

sented at the approaching Congress.

Brother George A. Carden, Fort Myer, Va., will most likely represent the chapter, and it is probable that Brother J. S. N.

Davis, of Gold Hill, Ala., will be present, too.

is still *sub rosa*, with a good undercurrent. She is all right, and we are working to be reinstated to public recognition next June. We expect to have a grand banquet, &c., about that time, and we hope to see some of our Virginia brothers with us. We expect at least five hundred guests.

But I must close for this time. More anon. Yours affectionately, and in the bonds,

Howard Lamar.

[From C. F. Pearis (N. Y. Alpha-Lambda, '81), 671 Lexington Avenue, New York.]

Dear Brother:—I paid a visit yesterday to Bro. Walter H. Page, of *The World*, and was glad to make the acquaintance of so fine a man.

He and I are desirous of having a meeting of all the Alpha Taus who live in New York and vicinity, and, as I know the address of Bro. W. M. Husson and Jos. Husson, Jr., only, I would be glad to have you send me the names and addresses of all you can find, and tell me who can aid me in this matter.

I have not time to write you more at length to-night. Regards

to all brothers.

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

C. F. PEARIS.

[From E. I. RENICK (Va. Epsilon, '74), Lawyer, Atlanta, Ga.]

Dear Brother:—I am just in receipt of your letter containing a kind and urgent invitation to the A. T. Q. Congress. It is not necessary for me to say that it would afford me much pleasure to accept it. But, at present, I do not see how it will be possible for me to get away from Atlanta. I shall, however, do as you request me in regard to securing a large Georgia delegation.

I mention for the information of the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals that we have at present the following resident Alpha

Taus

John G. Longstreet (Va. Alpha, '67), son of General Longstreet, who is Deputy Marshal of the U. S. court here; W. A. Turk (Va. Epsilon, '69), General Passenger Agent of the Southern Railroads; J. H. Glover, Jr. (Tenn. Omega, '72), Secretary of the Rabun Gap Railway Co.; E. M. Gadsden (Va. Beta, '78), formerly of Charleston, S. C., Attorney at Law; H. L. Haiman (N. J. Alpha-Kappa, '81); John Raines (Ga. Alpha-Theta, '82), student at Emory College; R. W. Alston (Va. Alpha, '78), who resides at Edgewood, a few miles from Atlanta; W. M. Ragsdale (Ga. Alpha-Beta, '79), Attorney at Law, whom as yet I have been unable to find; J. H. Pitman, (Ga. Alpha-Beta, '80), formerly of La Grange, a graduate of the University of Georgia, who is now on the staff of the Constitution; E. I. Renick (Va. Epsilon, '74), Attorney at Law.

Thus you see we have ten resident members here within my

own knowledge.

I see some of the boys nearly every day, active members of the Georgia chapters and old members from the Virginia colleges who are in Georgia at work or looking for employment. I think we should have an Alumni chapter here, and I trust you will see to it that we are furnished with the necessary documents, &c.

Be so kind as to remember me to my Alpha Tau friends in Richmond.

Yours fraternally,

E. I. RENICK.

[A later communication from Brother Renick to the Chairman of the High Council contains these words: "I have called a meeting for Monday night. Will endeavor to organize then and have a delegate to Congress appointed."

So we confidently expect to report at an early date the successful establishment of a large and enthusiastic Alumni chapter

at Atlanta.—Eds.]

[From J. S. N. Davis, Jr. (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '79), Worthy Master Alabama State Alumni Association, Gold Hill, Ala.]

Dear Brother: - Yours of November 18th just received. Glad,

indeed, to hear from you.

Sometime before the last meeting of our State Association I wrote to Brother Joseph R. Anderson, Jr., on the subject of the State Associations being allowed delegates to Congress, but he failed to answer me on that subject. Hence at our meeting in June no delegate was elected. However, as the most active part of our Association is in ———, I will go there in a few days and discuss the matter with them; and, if they think as I do, we will elect a delegate.

I am very anxious to attend the Congress, and, if possible, will do so.

Will let you hear from me again soon, telling you the action of the Association.

Affectionately, yours in A. T. Ω .,

J. S. N. Davis Jr.

[A later communication from Brother D. to the Chairman of the High Council reports that a called meeting of the State Alumni Association has been held, and Brother J. S. N. Davis, Jr., appointed delegate to Congress. He will be present.—Eds.]

[From W. P. ORR (Va. Beta, '66), Physician, St. John's Asylum, Ky.]

Dear Brother:—In reply to yours of the 22d, I regret to write you that it will be next to impossible for me to attend our Congress at Washington on December 27th. My health, the past summer and autumn, has been miserable, unfitting me for the ordinary demands and duties of my calling—so much so, that it will take my entire time for several months to come to get even with the world. I regret my inability to be with you all the more from the fact that I have never met and exchanged friendly greetings with any member of our Brotherhood since I left college, an unsophisticated youth, sixteen years ago. Perhaps you might prevail on Brother R. S. Turk to take my place in the Congress. I am satisfied the exchange would be a good one, because I never wrote a line of "serious" poetry in my life.

Hoping you all may have a delightful time at Washington, and with kind regards to "our boys" at Richmond, I remain, in all sincerity,

Fraternally yours,

W. P. ORR.

MEMORIAL DEPARTMENT.

EDMUND DOUGLAS CAMPBELL.

(Virginia Beta, '77.)

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord"! Blessed in their own supreme, eternal happiness—blessed in the unforgetting memory of those who dearly loved them on earth, and who love them still, with a love of deeper tone than ever before—blessed for the testimony, which, by a life and death of faith, they bore to the grace, mercy, and covenant-keeping faithfulness of God, through Christ, by the Holy Spirit!

Died, November 2d, 1880, at Lexington Va., in the 24th year of his age, Dr. Edmund Douglas Campbell, second son of Prof. J. L. Campbell of Washington and Lee University.

So early he died—this young friend of ours; but not before he had given proof of intellectual ability, strength of character, energy in action, nobleness of aim, purity of soul, and earnestness in the Christian life.

He completed his course at the University with distinction, had thoroughly accomplished his medical education, and had just recently established himself in his native town with every prospect of professional success. His skill and fidelity had secured for him the highest regard of those most competent to judge. When he was leaving the hospital in Richmond, in which he held an important position, one of the physicians in charge said: "I hardly know how I shall do without him. Whenever I entrust anything to him, I feel sure that it will be done promptly and in the best manner."

His manly qualities, amiable temper, and genial habits drew his companions to him in warm friendships; while older men, friends of his parents, felt a generous sympathy for their pride in such a son.

But why dwell upon the beautiful morning of so fair a life! It only awakens those natural regrets which it is more than unavailing to indulge. Rather let us contemplate its holy close, which affords something much higher than solace. While yet young he connected himself with the Presbyterian Church—the Church of his godly ancestry; and to say that his Christian life was consistent with his profession is enough, though less than truth would allow. It is known to the writer of these memorial lines, that while a mere boy, in his temporary home in Tennessee, he allied himself with some young Christian lads, like himself, that they might meet for prayer, and strengthen each other by efforts after lives of higher spirituality.

His illness was brief. The night before he was parted from us he made the voluntary communication to his mother that he thought he should live only a few hours. He said frankly, that he did not wish to die, and he asked her to pray then, specially for him. Presently, after he had taken something, he said that he felt better, but added immediately: "It is not the medicine, mother; it is the Lord." He went on to say, that the thought had come over him that perhaps God had a work for him to do in this world, and he was determined, if God spared his life, that by His help he would be a holier man; "but understand, mother," he added, "I am not making any conditions with God! I have always loved God and Jesus Christ, but I know I have not lived as I ought." He turned over and was quiet for awhile. Then he whispered—for his voice had grown feeble—"And mother, if I die, I want you to know that I die a Christian; for I am a Christian now! Tell the boys I love that I want them to be Christians. And now, I have told you all this: if I live, the world shall know it by my works."

Earnest young Christian! He thought his Father had yet earthly work for him to do! And did not Moses think that God had still great things for him to do? But as he stood upon Pisgah's top, and looked out upon the magnificent vision spread before his undimmed eye, and beheld the "good land beyond Jordan, and that goodly mountain, Lebanon"—he was content. God willed otherwise, and that will is always wisest and best for His chosen.

Bereaved friends! bind to your aching hearts the everlasting comfort that your beloved was one of God's elect, and be content! Be sure, that no life, however short it is, is incomplete, that God closes—as He did his—with a divine halo around it, of love to Him, love to the Redeemer of mankind, and serene, holy assurance of acceptance in Christ Jesus!

J. T. L. P.

NECROLOGY.

Alfred Marshall (Va. Alpha).

J. C. J. Clay (Va. Beta).

T. W. Bond (Ky. Omicron).

Stephen Ranney (Ky. Mu).

J. L. Brower (N. C. Xi).

J. W. Whitfield (Ky. Omicron).

W. K. Smith (Ky. Mu).

J. A. Shaw (N. C. Xi).

Saunders Irby (Va. Delta).

T. G. Ivie (Tenn. Iota).

J. G. Blackmon (N. C. Xi).

B. A. Gray (Va. Delta).

T. W. Currin (Tenn. Iota).

W. S. Stephens (Tenn. Lambda).

D. T. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).

Walter T. Jones (—— Alpha-Delta).

John M. Armstrong (Va. Epsilon).

George Watson (Va. Alpha).

C. A. Ellett (Va. Alpha).

T. P. Crawford (Va. Rho).

George C. Humes (Va. Delta).

R. C. Ballentine (Va. Delta).

P. H. Lightfoot (Va. Alpha).

W. A. Langhorne (Va. Alpha).

T. H. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).

A. Strachan Jones (Va. Beta).

Isaac Paul (Va. Eta).

W. M. Reed (Tenn. Iota).

Samuel Hill (Tenn. Gamma).

E. G. McClanahan (Tenn. Theta).

E. D. Wooley (N. C. Xi).

Vernon Via (Va. Delta).

Frank W. Walker (Va. Alpha).

W. T. Burdett (Va. Delta).

T. C. Lumpkin (Tenn. Lambda).

T. B. Edmiston (W. Va. Zeta).

A. O. Battle (Tenn. Lambda).

D. C. McKay (Ky. Mu).

J. C. Kinckle (Va. Beta).

J. R. McD. Irby (Va. Delta).

J. A. Crichton (Va. Alpha).

E. C. Mix (Va. Epsilon).

E. D. Campbell (Va. Beta).

W. B. Seawell, Jr. (Ky. Mu).

B. F. Atkinson (Ala. A. E.).

John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta).

Adrian Fleming (N. C. Xi).

John C. Janney (Va. Epsilon).

Gilbert D. Wilkinson (Va. Delta).

P. H. Clarke (Va. Delta).

W. T. Brock (Tenn. Lambda).

Jos. D. Addison (Va. Phi).

Note.-The members whose names are found in the above list have been reported to our WORTHY GRAND KEEPER OF ANNALS as deceased; but the particulars as to the time, place or cause of death are known in the case of only a few of them. Members and others who possess such information, or who know of other cases of death among the members of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY are earnestly requested to correspond with the Editors of this Journal-to the end that we may add to our other Annals a full and accurate register of our Dead.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.

GREEK NEWS.

- -Sigma Alpha Epsilon has gone into Marvin College, Texas.
- —Phi Kappa Psi will hold her next Convention at Pittsburg, Pa., in February.
- —Phi Gamma Delta is said to be sub rosa at Simpson Centenary College.
- —Phi Kappa Psi is said to have rejected a petition from Lehigh University.
- —Sigma Chi's New York Association's second semi-annual meeting on October 9th was a brilliant success.
- —Alpha Delta Phi.—The Star and Crescent has completed its second volume. This is a most excellent journal.
- Delta Kappa Epsilon will begin the publication of a Fraternity journal early in January. We anxiously await its debut.
- —Delta Tau Delta has gone South, having established chapters at the University of Georgia and Emory College within the last year.
- —Delta Upsilon's forty-eighth Annual Convention was held at Ann Arbor, October 25 and 26. There were delegates from fifteen chapters present.
- —Phi Gamma Delta's journal began the new volume in October with a new title-page. We must say we think our esteemed contemporary made a mistake.
- —Delta Upsilon's chapter at Madison University has already received subscriptions to the amount of \$5,000 towards its proposed chapter house, which is to cost \$18,000.
- —Delta Tau Delta.—Four pages of reading matter have been added to *The Crescent*. It has also a new title-page, but we like the old much better. Too much "High Art" for us.

- —Sigma Chi held her Convention at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, November 8 and 9, about eighty delegates being present. Ex-Governor John M. Hamilton, of Illinois, was the orator.
- —Phi Kappa Psi.—We sincerely regret to report the rumored suspension of *The Shield*. We could not but observe its gradual decadence after Dr. Edgar F. Smith relinquished its editorial management.
- —Beta Theta Pi, at her Convention held in August, appointed a committee of three to co-operate with similar committees of other Fraternities in the matter of discussing the feasibility of holding a Pan-Hellenic Council.
- —Delta Kappa Epsilon's thirty-sixth Annual Convention met at Providence, R. I., on the 18th and 19th of October. It was the largest convention the Fraternity ever had, twenty-six colleges being represented by about seventy delegates.
- —Kappa Alpha established an Alumni chapter in this city the other day. This Fraternity has some staunch members in Richmond, and we don't doubt they will make a success of the enterprise they have just initiated.

The Palm wishes the new chapter well.

- Theta Delta Phi.—The thirty-sixth Annual Convention of this Fraternity assembled in Boston, October 26, under the auspices of the Dartmouth chapter. There were thirty-five delegates present. The reports indicate a very flourishing condition of the Fraternity. The convention sat two days.
- —Phi Delta Theta.—The Scroll, as we are informed by its editor, has been withdrawn from public circulation. We cannot but characterize this action of the convention as most unwise. It betokens, to say the least, retrogression instead of progress in the Fraternity.

The journal has been removed to Maysville, Ky.

—The Beta Theta Pi says of our catalogue that it "is modeled somewhat after that of Beta Theta Pi, and is a really fine piece of work." This remark suggests the idea that probably all previous

Fraternity catalogues were also modeled after what the B. θ . II. catalogue was going to be.—The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi.

—While "ye editor" was "on the wing" for a week or so this summer, he fell in with not a few members of rival Fraternities, and was surprised and gratified to find a generally prevalent spirit of good will that was most pleasant. Several impromptu "Pan-Hellenic" councils were held, and the representative of Sigma Chi enjoyed himself, if the others did not. We might mention names, but will not do so.—The Sigma Chi.

-Beta Theta Pi.-We clip the following from The Crescent:

"The Beta Theta Pi chapter at the O. W. U. is rapidly recovering from its trouble of last year, and the latest additions made to its numbers are men who are calculated to restore it to its former good standing in this college. We are glad to recognize its added influence from this decided change for the better. It has six new men this Fall."

—Alpha Tau Omega, which has been making such rapid strides northward during the past year, started a chapter at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., during Commencement week. It was organized with four men. The chapter at the University of Virginia contemplates building a hall of its own, and has published a call to its alumni. This Fraternity does not have honorary members, but each chapter is allowed to initiate "one alien a year at large," who must, however, be formally initiated into a chapter.—The Chi Phi Quarterly.

—Alpha Tau Omega established her Alpha-Upsilon Chapter at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., on June 28, 1882, N. Wiley Thomas, of the University of Pennsylvania Chapter, being present and initiating the charter members, who were two in number—one a member of '83, and the other of '85. These two men initiated a third, and since the term has opened have pinned two men, and, it is rumored, have several more sub rosa. The chapter starts out with good prospects, apparently, although it has four rivals of considerable age and prestige, and we wish it success.—The Sigma Chi.

Many thanks, Trowbridge. We are mighty glad you have come back to the "profession" again; have missed you fearfully, old fellow. By the way, read the report of our Pennsylvania Alpha-Upsilon Chapter, in this issue. Those are good boys your old *Alma Mater* has given us. We are proud of them already.

—Delta Tau Delta's twenty-fourth Annual Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 23d, 24th, and 25th. There were twenty-seven chapters represented by delegates, and upwards of one hundred members were present. The Crescent says it was the best convention "ever yet held." One of the founders of the Fraternity—the Hon. John L. N. Hunt, of New York—was present in the capacity of orator. His address will be published.

Reports on catalogue, song book, seal, colors and initiatory rites were received. The report on *The Crescent* showed that the subscription list at the end of the year numbered 560, an increase of 180 over last year, and that notwithstanding \$150 had been spent in the journal's embellishment, &c., during the year, there was still a cash balance of \$50.56 awaiting the action of the Fraternity. The banquet is said to have been a great success. There were sundry good toasts offered to which admirable responses were made. [We give in this issue the best one—that to "Our Sister Fraternities."]

The next convention will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., August 24, 25 and 26, 1883.

—We find these words in *The Crescent's* October number, being the production of its correspondent at Lehigh University:

"Bro. Sayer joined A. T. \mathcal{Q} . while he was still a 'Prep,' but when he got into college he saw his mistake. He resigned, and was initiated into the mysteries of our good old \mathcal{A} . T."

We pronounce the latter part of the above statement flagrantly false. This man was expelled from the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, his offence being "infidelity to the Order." This fact was formally communicated to our Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals by the Worthy Master of our chapter at Lehigh University, the same being attested by the Founder of the chapter. We state, furthermore, that the fact of his expulsion was communicated to all the Fraternities at Lehigh University, including Delta Tau Delta. Notwithstanding all this, ——— but we forbear. Now, it pains us to write this, in view of our very pleasant and

cordial relations with our sister Fraternity, and especially in view of the fact that in this very issue of our Journal will be found reproduced in full an address of a distinguished Delta Tau, containing sentiments so broad, generous and noble as to elicit our highest admiration for the speaker. But our duty is plain, and we hesitate not to perform it. We will only add, that we hope *The Crescent* will at once put into practical execution the intention it announces in the same issue, in the words following:

"Recognizing that we are but a constellation in the grand firmament of the Greek World, and that whatever tends to injure the general system, will eventually result in harm to ourselves, we will keep *The Crescent* free from any remarks disparaging to our sister Fraternities; remarks which are too often the cause of bitter and undignified contention between those who should be fighting for a common cause, and which but too often afford effective argument to the opponents of the Fraternity system. But while more than willing to grant fair and honorable treatment to our rivals, we will by no means pass over in silence any unjustifiable attacks which may be made upon the Fraternity. The motto of *The Crescent* still remains 'nemo impune lacessit.'"

—The Palm of Alpha Tau Omega publishes full reports from each of its twenty-four chapters, several of which are still sub rosa. That at the University of Virginia proposes to build a Chapter House—the first one at the institution—and has already collected a considerable installment of the necessary fund. In our last number we stated, from private information, that two professors had left Psi Upsilon for Alpha Tau Omega; the announcement was premature in regard to one of them, and the editor of the Palm, in the interest of strict accuracy, desires this correction made.

The Palm urges a constitutional amendment which shall prevent any A. T. Q. Chapter from approaching a new student before he has spent some months at the college where the chapter is located. By this, undoubtedly, "mistakes" would often be avoided, and when we consider what one "mistake" may mean—the divided counsels and loss of harmony, the long task of strengthening the whole character of some weak brother, for the "mistake" has almost always a lack of will to do well rather than any obvious desire to do ill, and add to this the probability of losing in future campaigns some valuable man who may find

out this "mistake," and who, from that very quickness in appreciation of character, would prove a tower of strength to the Fraternity securing him—it is plain that the most rapid advance will be made by a chapter which hastens slowly in this matter. At many Eastern Colleges the "personal pledge" system answers this end. A society man, seeing and liking some freshman, tells him that he would gladly see him a member of his society, and that if he will promise to join the society, if elected, he, the society man, will use his best efforts to secure such an election. Thus, in case of failure, the society man has indeed the always unpleasant and often painful duty of returning his protege's pledge, but the chapter has not been compromised, and in any case time has been gained, so that both parties may assure themselves of mutual congeniality or of its absence.—The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi.

— Chi Phi's fifty-eighth Annual Convention met at the Kimball House, in Atlanta, Ga., on the 6th of September. It was the first convention held in the South since the union of the Northern and Southern branches of this Fraternity. There were thirteen chapters represented—not a very creditable showing, we think. Henry W. Grady, Esq., welcomed the convention in a neat address. "The Grand Alpha's report showed the Fraternity to be steadily gaining ground, and the work of the first year to have been prosperously advanced."

The report on the official organ was quite satisfactory—showing a total of over 550 subscribers. The journal will be continued under the same general management.

The catalogue committee reported that their work was at last completed, though the result is far from perfect. The edition is limited, and hence every copy will have to be sold to meet the expense of publication.

A charter was granted to the Atlanta members for an Alumni chapter; and committees were appointed to consider the desirability of planting the Order in certain designated institutions.

Albany, N. Y., was chosen as the place for holding the next convention in October, 1883.

A grand banquet on the evening of the third day closed the proceedings.

The editor in *The Quarterly* for October says, "The holding of a Convention in the far South can no longer be looked upon as a thing of doubtful experiment, but as a demonstrated success." He says, further, that this Convention demonstrated the fact "that there is a sufficient advancement in the higher education of the South to warrant all that we have thus far done in the way of establishing chapters in that field." And he concludes with these words: "Some Fraternities are disposed to look with disfavor upon any effort at extension in that direction, urging the lack of proper culture as the result of limited educational facilities. They are content to receive such young men as come North to pursue their studies. But with such men to uphold the cause as were gathered together in Atlanta during last month, Chi Phi has naught to fear."

"Lack of proper culture"!

"Limited educational facilities"!

If it were not for the exceeding absurdity of the expressions, we had been provoked. But we preserve our temper, remembering that there is (perhaps) some excuse for the utter ignorance with respect to the South that obtains with the younger generation in the North. They have habitually been taught to look upon our fair southern land as the abode of ignorance and crime, and the inhabitants thereof as only about one degree better than Zulus. But there is no excuse for those of the North of maturer age. They should know, aye, and many of them do know, the truth with respect to the Southern people. They know them to be brave, generous, refined and cultured, and not one whit behind their Northern brothers in anything save energy and business tact. And the Southern people's lack of these qualities is solely due to two causes, for neither of which are they responsible—to-wit, climate and the institution of slavery which latter, while for generations it brought them great wealth, finally entailed upon them great woe.

But we have wandered slightly. To return to the subject, and

in conclusion, we will state four propositions, and we challenge the denial of any one of them.

First. Statistics show a much greater degree of illiteracy in the North than among the white population in the South.

Second. In regard to higher education, "culture," the proportion of college graduates to the whole (white) population is greater in the Southern States than in the Northern States.

Third. Not one-tenth of one per cent. of Southern young men ever went "North to pursue their studies."

Fourth. Before the war there was no gentleman's son in all the South but had a college education, and since the war only those young men have failed to receive a "higher education" whose sires lost all by the war save honor.

Then, pray, let us hear no more about "limited educational facilities" and "lack of culture," and such like expressions. They are slanderous, and when applied to the South are falsely applied. It has been now nearly eighteen years since the war ended, and surely it is time that peace was restored, that dissensions were buried. What's the use of rekindling the strife? Let politicians do as they will, the people of the North and the South, the people, we say, of this great country, are no longer at enmity with one another; they want to be united and indivisible. The two great sections are dependent on each other, and there is much in each for the other to esteem and admire. Nay, they should no longer be two sections—there should be no North and no South—but one common, and glorious country.

These very American College Fraternities have it in their power to contribute no mean part towards the accomplishment of the desired end—the reunion of the American people. Some of them we know are already engaged in the good work. And of one of them—the Alpha Tau Omega—which was born amid the throes of the dying Confederacy, we can truthfully declare that any other course would be in violation of her holy principles.

THE VOICE OF THE GREEK PRESS.

"Greek Fraternities in the South."

[From The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.]

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The spirit that actuates the Southern Fraternity man is one of exceeding frankness, liberality, and of the highest honor. There should, of course, be the greatest rivalry among the Fraternities, but there should be a limit to our zeal. It is not numbers which make the best and most honored Fraternities. The quality, not quantity, should be scrupulously estimated in selecting members. No chapter should permit any of its members to do that which would in any way hurt or throw public discredit upon other Greek Fraternities. That which injures one tends to the impairment of all the others in some degree. No Fraternity can be permanently prosperous or its members contented, which disregards either of the foregoing principles. It is greatly to the injury, if not dishonor, of any Fraternity which endeavors in the slightest degree to kill off a rival.

No man should be allowed to belong to more than one Greek organization; he should have only one, and that his first love. We know that the views entertained by every Σ . A. E. are expressed in the foregoing, and we trust that the sentiments of all other Greek Fraternities have been voiced; and more especially do we hope that the views here presented are in accord with the Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, and such others as have chapters in the Southern States. If we all agree upon certain fixed principles in regard to our conduct with one another, our mutual esteem will be thereby augmented. With this end in view, we have penned this article, and believe that the opinions expressed will be heartily endorsed by every Greek Fraternity.

"A Fraternity Association."

[From Beta Theta Pi.]

The idea of a Pan-Hellenic Council has been received with such general favor by the Fraternities that it will almost certainly be carried into effect. This is as it should be. It cannot be doubted that much good would come of a free discussion by delegates from all the Fraternities of questions affecting their common interests. If properly conducted, such a discussion would result in sifting and settling mooted questions, in removing a number of old grievances, in creating a better understanding between the Fraternities, in enabling all to prepare for more effective work in the future.

But there is an inter-Fraternity matter which should be considered before the holding of any general assembly of the Fraternities, which possibly could not well be treated at such a meeting. It must have been frequently noticed that many of the Fraternities are composed of men of like tastes and pursuits and are working for ends which are altogether or very nearly identical. With the names of several Fraternities other than his own, the writer always recalls the faces of valued friends, and he never sees the familiar badges without feeling that the bearers are men of trust and honor. And doubtless his experience has been the experience of Fraternity men in general. Now, why should not such kindred associations act upon this mutual confidence, and take measures to increase it? Why should they not form a league of amity, so to speak, by which the members of each should have certain privileges granted them in all the rest? It is not meant that any should admit the members of the rest to the privileges of its own members. Indeed, such a course would be anything but desirable. But there seems nothing against a formal agreement among a number of these kindred Fraternities, that each will recognize the members of the others, and will extend to them becoming courtesies wherever found. To establish such a league on an enduring basis would doubtless require a number of agreements among the Fraternities on special subjects, as on the matter of qualifications of admission. But if not begun on too extensive and elaborate a scale, the attempt ought to succeed, and, if successful, would doubtless prove highly beneficial to all concerned. If attempted at all, the organization of such an inter-Fraternity confederation should be undertaken through the separate Conventions of the Fraternities rather than through the proposed Pan-Hellenic Council.

"A Convention of Fraternity Editors."

[From The Chi Phi Quarterly.]

Now while the Hellenic spirit seems to run high throughout the land, and the project of holding a "Pan-Hellenic Council" seems to be quite generally approved, it may be well to suggest a convention of Fraternity editors, with a view of elevating the tone of Fraternity literature, increasing good feeling, arranging matters of general interest to the several Greek publications, and also as a sort of preliminary to the proposed general conference. There would be very little, if any, difficulty in getting up an editors' convention, and therefore this suggestion is free from the objection offered to the general conference. This convention would clear the way for the general convention, and, to a certain extent, show whether the latter is possible and advisable or not; besides this, all the preliminaries of the general convention could be, if so desired, here arranged. There are a great many questions pertaining to our Greek publications which could be solved and decided by such a convention; such as the matter of exchanges, clippings, the best manner of furthering the true Hellenic spirit among the different Fraternity organs, advertising, subscription rates, the most effective means of bringing into more prominence the College Fraternity press, etc. An "Associated College Fraternity Press" organization might be formed and a simple means of communicating facts of general interest to the several Fraternity publications devised. In general, the convention would probably result in some good to all the Greeks, and in bringing into prominence before the public the Fraternity press, thus tending to overcome the feeling of hostility to college "secret societies;" so prevalent among outsiders and non-collegians.

The Alpha Tau Omega Palm is published at Richmond, Va.; The Sigma Chi and The Phi Delta Theta Scroll at Gettysburg, Pa.; The Delta Tau Delta Crescent at Meadville, Pa.; The Phi Gamma Delta at Delaware, O.; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi at Philadelphia, Pa.; The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi at New York, N. Y.; The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record at Farmdale, Ky.; The Diamond of Psi Upsilon at Schenectady, N. Y.; and The Chi Phi Quarterly at Scranton, Pa. Some such place as Harrisburg, Philadelphia or Baltimore would, therefore, be convenient for holding the convention. As for the time of holding the same, there being but few preliminaries necessary, it should be soon. The Fraternity editors are, for the most part, graduates,

and hence little notice need be taken of "term-time," etc.

How May We Gain the Cordial Support of Our Colleges?

[From The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi.]

For some time has it been a mooted question among the friends of our American society system what might be the most practical method of gaining the cordial support of our colleges. The seemingly hostile attacks with which the faculties of several of our institutions and the press have recently seen fit to favor us

have recalled the subject.

The recognition of the system is well nigh assured in most of our colleges, but in a few it is still in doubt, not to speak of one or two from which it has been absolutely expelled. This state of things, is, of course, the result of an evidently diversified opinion as to the real beneficial influence that a secret society exerts upon the life of the student. No one is willing to assert that indirectly the Greek Letter Fraternities are not without beneficial features, in the impulse they lend to strong competitive work, the cultivation and refinement they insure in society life, and the watchful and needed home they furnish to the young student. But, nevertheless, it would seem that in failing to obtain the support of some of those in our leading institutions who have been most watchful of its tendencies, the present system is defective, and if this is so, it would be well for us who are most concerned in its success to inquire how the evil may be best remedied.

As the case stands now, the critical opponents of the system claim that the secret society is a mere addendum and not a part of the college, something extraneous and foreign; that it cannot be reached directly by college discipline, but claiming a superior allegiance which its members are bound to observe by the strongest ties of interest and affection, that it is thus prejudicial to the most effective college administration, a species of government within a government, which cannot be reached by the general rules applicable to the body of the students, but requiring special treatment and peculiar privileges, while the caste spirit, so inimical to democratic institutions, is its undoubted tendency, and an increased extravagance is claimed to be its inseparable concomitant. Drawing largely upon the time, attention and resources of the student, it makes, correspondingly, a small return. In fact, for these reasons the Fraternity system has been expelled from some of our leading institutions.

This position, if true, would be decidedly unfortunate, but it shows that some means should be taken to obtain the sympathy of the powers that be, if possible, by a firmer alliance with them in work and interest.

The future extension and prosperity of our society system will be measured largely by its usefulness, for nothing survives but what is useful

what is useful.

The most efficient manner, however, of attaining this result is a question. Among various expedients suggested, one of the most feasible seems to be the plan of raising an endowment fund—the income to be applied in founding a professorship or scholarship, either in the name of the chapter, or *sub rosa*, but which nevertheless would be fully recognized by the institution. This would undoubtedly serve to bind the college and society in a more harmonious fellowship. The object might be accomplished perhaps by gifts of smaller sums or of books, works of art, or instruments, which would be appreciated, not so much for the actual value of the article itself, but as showing the *animus* by which the gift was prompted.

Let us assure the faculties and trustees of our colleges that instead of being against them we are with them, and to do this, let us take some steps to identify ourselves more fully with them

than heretofore, in a support which is substantial.

"The Fraternity Idea."

[From The Phi Gamma Delta.]

The Fraternity idea is by no means a new one. It is simply a new aspect, a new phase of development of a principle as old as the race, and that is the law of association, the instinctive desire for companionship. Man is sometimes called a social animal, and a truer utterance was never made. His nature is so constituted as not to attain its highest state of development by itself; it is incomplete in itself, and it is only by living, personal contact with beings of his own kind that his many-sided nature finds its true expression and reaches its highest attainments. combine, then, in governments, communities, associations, fraternities, if you please, is only following out a law of his being, and seems "to be," as Addison says, "the nature and necessary offshoot of man's gregarious and social nature." The noblest faculties of man's being are those which can be exercised only toward others, not himself; that which gives humanity its chief charm, a loving, gentle, unselfish spirit is possible only by direct contact of man with man.

Now, what is more natural than that college boys, with all the freshness and brightness and buoyancy of young life should form themselves into Fraternities? These are but the offspring of their social nature.

The objection is made that Fraternities are unnecssary; well, suppose we admit that, the *fact* still remains, that wherever young men gather together, as at a college or university, they will in accordance with the laws of their constitution form themseslve

into bands, cliques, associations, or whatever you choose to call them. I venture the assertion that no considerable body of young men were ever yet associated that this did not take place. If regular Fraternities do not exist, the partisanship which is inseparable from youth will find vent in class organizations, literary societies, or in some other way. Now, it is the Fraternity idea to utilize, direct, turn to good account this tendency in young men. Cliques and associations are inevitable; shall they, then, be left to all the changing circumstances of time and place and caprice and inexperience, or shall they be formed on a regular, fixed basis, and be controlled by certain known principles?

Some misconceptions of the true Fraternity idea are prevalent and constantly meet us, some on the part of parents and guardians, others existing among students. The Fraternities must bear the blame for much of which they are entirely innocent. Hazing and general rowdyism are quite frequently at once attributed to Fraternities, and with how much justice few stop to reflect. Perhaps if Princeton had a few Fraternities she would not enjoy the unenviable reputation of having the worst set of school-boy rowdies in the country. We feel confident that if a comparison of Fraternity and non-Fraternity colleges were instituted, the general tone of morality would be found to be higher in the former than in the latter. Some persons imagine that Fraternities are organized for the express purpose of resisting in colleges "the powers that be." Others that Fraterternities are institutions of good fellowship-and a good fellowship that consists of nightly dissipations, and midnight revelry and debauchery; in fact, that they are veritable leagues of Satan. We cannot deny that some chapters of some Fraternities, and, perhaps, even some whole Fraternities have degenerated into companies of riotous profligates, but that they are true representatives of the Fraternity idea, we do most emphatically deny. Such an issue was farthest from the thoughts of the founders of Fraternities, as is proven from the character of the men who founded them-occupying the highest positions in church and state. Some churches have grievously wandered from the line of strict orthodoxy, and even of morality, but we would not on that account decry the Christian church. Some professing Christians are fearful hypocrites, yet this does not destroy the fact that there is a reality in Christ's religion, and that religion is purity, love and holiness.

The consideration of our Fraternity idea should have some

practical outcome for us. It should, first of all, influence our selection of new men. * * * * We want men, or at least the material out of which men are made, to be the representatives of our principles; and better have a few who will faithfully do this than large numbers who may, perhaps, degrade our ideal. A gold eagle weighs considerable less than a silver dollar, but it counts for more. We can scarcely be too careful in selecting young men who will be in full accord with the Fraternity idea, and congenial in their characters. We can afford to make haste

slowly. Our "idea" will influence our treatment of our frater, in our every-day intercourse and in the matter of discipline. We must never forget that our brotherhood is an association of kindred souls seeking a common good, animated by a common spirit, and as such its government cannot be like that of a State. Its influence is not meant to be coercive, but directing, helpful. So, if any member goes astray, our Fraternity idea, if properly conceived, will lead us to warn, expostulate with, kindly entreat, persuade the delinquent instead of at once applying the cast-iron process of a rigid code. Discipline here is not meant to be so much, or, indeed, at all, punitive as in the State, but reformative. It is not intended to vindicate the broken laws and merely bring the offender to justice, but it is to serve partially as a warning and restraint to others, principally as of correction. It should not, then, be harsh and unyielding, but loving and full of tenderness. Want of wisdom and due caution here may lead to bitterness, disaffection, hardening, and ultimate ruin. A kind word, an affectionate warning, a gentle criticism, may do wonders, where a harsh application of law would defeat the end proposed. And this, we believe, is involved in the true Fraternity idea.

"Our Sister Fraternities."*

[From The Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.]

Mr. President, Gentlemen, Brothers:

I rise with mingled feelings of diffidence and pleasure in response to the sentiment which has just been proposed; with diffidence, because of a feeling that I am unable to do justice to the task and with pleasure because it is a sentiment which I can heartily and fully endorse.

^{*}Response of A. P. Trautwein, Esq., to the sentiment at Delta Tau Delta's last Convention.—Eds. Palm.

When, several years ago, the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity met in convention with its Hamilton chapter, this same toast, "To Our Sister Fraternities," was one of the features of the postprandial exercises of the occasion, and I well remember the pleasant impression which this thoughtful action then produced upon my mind; it was, to my knowledge, the first instance that one Fraternity took advantage of so public and appropriate an occasion to extend a friendly greeting to its rivals; and the high regard which I then formed for that Fraternity has, I am happy to say, been amply borne out by all that I have subsequently learnt. I have dwelt upon this incident with peculiar emphasis and pleasure, because my observations had led me to believe that College Fraternities, as a rule, regarded one another with but little favor, and those of you whose undergraduate experience dates back several years, will doubtless recall numerous instances in which this antagonism found an open and repulsive expression. The spirit of the times, the natural progress of things and thought have since then wrought a welcome change; the leading College Fraternities of to-day have happily emancipated themselves from much of the intolerance and prejudice of former years.

Delta Tau Delta has always claimed a place among the liberal and progressive College Fraternities. I was very much pleased, therefore, with the action of our Pittsburg convention which, in the very beginning of its deliberations, unanimously resolved to extend its friendly greeting to the Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi Fraternities then in session at Chautauqua Lake; and many of you, no doubt, will remember with sincere pleasure how the response: "You have the best wishes of Phi Gamma Delta," flashed over the wires. In justice to Phi Kappa Psi, it is but fair to say that, owing to an unfortunate delay, our message was

received too late to elicit a formal reply.

The official journals of the several Fraternities may fairly be regarded as indicating the policy and principles which govern them in their intercourse with their rivals. I have always been pleased with the manner in which our *Crescent* has acquitted itself in this respect, and I may say, without fear of contradiction, that in its editorial utterances it has generally preserved a dignified and courteous bearing towards our sister Fraternities. I could not, it is true, invariably indorse the letters of individual chapter secretaries; but while I cannot admire the taste displayed in permitting certain passages to appear in print, I really feel that our *Crescent* cannot justly be held responsible for the opinions of some of its more inexperienced correspondents. I am assured, however, that henceforth *The Crescent* will follow the very wise and

proper plan of purging its communications of any passages not strictly in accordance with the broad and liberal principles and peaceful policy of Delta Tau Delta. Of course, occasional differences between individual chapters will probably ever continue to arise, so long at least as human nature does not undergo a most radical change: these cease generally with the advent of a new college generation, and, indeed, are rapidly buried in the memory even of those who took a most prominent part; the great impropriety of permanently recording them in the pages of the Fraternity journal is too evident to require any comment.

While I thus advocate peace and harmony throughout the Fraternity system, I am not blind to the benefits which result from competition, and I believe, indeed, that a little friendly rivally is as pleasant as it is necessary and wholesome. You will doubtless have observed that college faculties, in their wisdom, invariably foster at least two, generally more, literary societies, when provision is made for them at all, with a view, no doubt, of calling into action this same vital principle of competition with all of

its attending benefits.

With our sister Fraternities, the past year, so far as the limited means at my command will enable me to judge, has been one of unusual prosperity. Some few have met with reverses from which, however, they speedily recovered, and thus on the whole the year has been one of decided progress, and well may we rejoice at their success; every year thus passed adds strength, respectability and permanency to an institution of which the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity is but a small component part. I need hardly, I presume, assure you, as intelligent Fraternity men, that all of our modern College Fraternities, though differing widely in their methods, are organized with essentially the same ends in view: the same great principles, without which they never could have so successfully withstood the severe test of time, are common to them all.

Our relations with those of our sister Fraternities with whom we come in contact have generally been pleasant during the past year. We have received the recognition which is due to us as a well established Fraternity. We were made, it is true, the subject of a few injudicious attacks, but these were more than offset by the many courtesies which we received at the hands of those who know us best.

And while I thus plead for a good fellowship between our own and our sister Fraternities, it would be highly inconsistent with my argument not to desire to see the same sentiment carried into

our every-day intercourse as individual Fraternity men. Indeed, I shall always hope to see the Deltas at our colleges form their friendships beyond the somewhat narrow limits of our own Fraternity; while we endeavor to recruit our membership from the best element which our colleges afford, we cannot hope to secure the only men who possess the high requirements which we insist upon as being necessary to entitle them to recognition as our friends. In short, I trust that intolerance and clanishness, the two great faults to which Fraternities are liable, may never be characteristic of Delta Tau Delta, and it will pass without argument when I say that wherever we meet our sister Fraternities and those who for some reason are not members of any Fraternity, in the proper liberal spirit, wherever we place no artificial restraint upon our intercourse with those whose qualities of heart and mind make them congenial as friends, just there will our Fraternity command the greatest popularity, the greatest respect. And in this effort, I feel sure, we are fully seconded by all Fraternities with wholesome aspirations.

In conclusion, permit me to express my sincere desire that this sentiment: "To Our Sister Fraternities," may ever remain

a recognized feature of Delta Tau Delta's reunions.

MISCELLANY.

THE PALM OUTSIDE THE FOLD.

DEAR SIR:

Do you allow persons not members of your Fraternity to subscribe for the *Palm?* If so, please let me know the subscription price, and I will send you the necessary amount to place my name on your list.

Yours, &c.,

It is very gratifying to us to receive such letters as the above—and we have received probably a dozen—for it shows that others besides members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity (for whom, of course, our Journal is primarily intended) are interested in it, or, at least, find something interesting in it.

We welcome heartily all such subscribers, and assure them that no effort will be spared to make our Journal acceptable alike to Alpha Taus and all other kind friends.

IOTA BETA CHAPTER OF DELTA TAU DELTA.*

Alpha Tau Omega, by no means, stands alone as the only representative of the Fraternity world in Adrian College. Long before the establishment of Mich. Alpha-Mu, there lived and flourished a chapter of Delta Tau Delta, and to-day some of the best students of our college wear the royal purple and silver gray. This chapter has achieved many honors since her establishment—indeed, all the honors which have been awarded to Fraternity men, since that time, have fallen within her pale.

Being the only Fraternity, before this year, in the college, Iota Beta has filled her ranks with choice material. The chapter is enjoying one of its most prosperous years. The Fraternity spirit is more manifest than ever before. Michigan Alpha-Mu, though

^{*}From The Epigoniad, published by Mich. Alpha-Mu of Alpha Tau Omega.

having taken away a few who might have been among her members, has infused a new zeal into the old members and awakened an ardent love among the new. The chapter also has a strong support in the person of Prof. E. G. Walker, and, in short, Iota Beta lacks little to make her one of the best chapters of her Fraternity. Her prospects are bright. As a chapter, Mich. Alpha-Mu accepts the proffered hand of welcome with the right hand of friendship, at the same time, wishing her elder companion, Iota Beta, a happy future. May nothing dim the crescent of her love! Let it ever shed a mellow light over a united and glorious brotherhood, then all will see that—

"There lives in every action
A still influence from the vow
Which binds them to each other,
And the good old Delta Tau."

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity,
Office of Chairman of the High Council,

December 1st, 1882.

To Worthy Masters:

You are requested to furnish answers to the questions below, in order to assist the High Council in a better determination of the progress of the Order. Please reply as soon as possible to N. Wiley Thomas, member of the High Council, P. O. Box 512, Allentown, Pa.

Fraternally, Otis A. Glazebrook, Chairman of the High Council.

I. By whom was your chapter founded?

2. Date of organization?

3. Number of members since organization? if any preps, how many?

4. Have any deaths occurred in your chapter? if so, how many?

5. How many initiates this scholastic year?

6. Are the annals of your chapter written up to date?
7. How much money is in the hands of the W. K. E.?

8. Has your chapter a room in which to hold its meetings?

9. What is the rent paid for the same per year?

- 10. What is the estimated value of the furniture in your chapter-room?
 - II. How many of your chapter are provided with badges?

12. How many subscribers for the Palm have you?

13. What is the age of your oldest undergraduate member?

14. What is the age of your youngest member?

15. Have you initiated any one under the privilege granted in Article 2, section 8, of the Constitution?

16. Has your chapter expelled any of its members?

17. Who will be your delegate to the Congress, which meets at Washington, D. C., Wednesday, December 27th, 1882?

18. How many of your chapter are expected to be present at

said Congress?

19. What are the prospects of your college, and how many students attend it?

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Office of Chairman of the High Council, December 15th, 1882.

To the Members of the Fraternity:

You are cordially invited to attend the Biennial Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, to be held at Washington, D. C., December 27th, 28th and 29th, 1882.

Note the following particulars:

- 1. Headquarters: The Ebbitt House.
- 2. Rate per day, at the Ebbitt House, \$3.
- 3. Congress will be called to order promptly at 10 A. M., December 27th.
 - 4. Banquet with regular toasts, the evening of December 29th.
- 5. All delegates and visiting brothers will report immediately upon arrival at headquarters.
 - 6. It is requested that the brothers wear their badges.

Otis A. Glazebrook, Chairman of the High Council, for the Committee of Arrangements.

LETTERS FROM THE CHAPTERS.

MICHIGAN ALPHA-MU.

Editors Palm:—It affords me great pleasure to say Mich.

Alpha-Mu is growing and prospering.

Though several of our members did not return this fall, we entered upon the campaign with the determination to build strong the fort, advance the standard, and win new victories in the name of A. T. Ω .

We are furnishing our Hall as fast as we can, and will soon be

fully equipped.

We have initiated two good men-J. H. Duffie and T. E. Cade, both class '86-and will initiate another by the time this is published, and a fourth by-and-by.

Every member is present at all meetings, which are character-

ized by a flow of genuine fraternal spirit.

As we all love our noble Order, we are deeply interested in the Congress, and regret that more of us cannot attend. In fact, we would all like to be there, especially since we learned that important changes will be proposed; but circumstances are such that we can only send one representative, and have chosen Brother Vandervort.

We think the unparalleled success of our beloved A. T. Q. in the past is due principally to our superior form of government and the energy of our High Council. We therefore earnestly hope that our Congress will not lose sight of this fact, and that all its enactments may serve to promote all our best interests.

Our alumni are: T. W. Colhouer, of Pittsburgh, preaching at

Bakerstown, Pa., and W. M. Wikoff, superintendent of schools,

Philo, Champagne county, Ill., both of class '82.

I am authorized to give you the names of our three new members as subscribers to the Palm-viz: T. E. Cade, J. H. Duffie, and R. C. Bowlus.

While we were anxiously looking for the Palm, news of bereavement in the editor's family reached us, and caused the chord of our fraternal love to vibrate in sympathy for Brother Anderson.

We hope ere long to see the Palm. Long may it live! Yours in A. T. Ω .

G. B. DEAKIN, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-ZETA.

Editors Palm:—Your postal card of November 22d was duly received. We regret that the Palm has been delayed, but it will be all the more appreciated when it comes. Nothing of special

interest has transpired since my last letter.

The chapters of the A. T. Q. Fraternity in Georgia have inaugurated a monthly correspondence, by which we hope to become better acquainted with each, and to make the bond of union stronger. We would suggest the same to the chapters of our sister States.

We received the regular letter from the Georgia Alpha-Theta, have not heard from the Georgia Alpha-Beta, but we live in hopes. The letter from the Georgia Alpha-Theta seems to indicate that the chapter is on high ground. They have made four initiates, one of whom (Bro. R. B. Brooks) is known to your Correspondent, as he was a former colleague at another college. He is every inch a man, and will be every inch an Alpha Tau.

Our prospects for college society honors are about the same as when I last wrote, the election not having yet come off. We

have bright hopes and trust we shall not be disappointed.

Bro. J. H. Pitman expresses the sentiments of all the Georgia chapters in his June letter to the Palm in regard to Article X, section 3. Let that part of the Constitution be amended or struck out, so that (the financial requirement remaining the same) there will be no delay after the chapter elects a man. All our Southern chapters are kept posted as to the new men by our alumni brothers; and it is seldom an alien is recommended who does not pass muster and prove worthy. This section has worked seriously to our disadvantage. The alien, unable to understand the delay, joins another Fraternity, thinking we are trying to deceive him.

In our Georgia colleges desirable new men are members of some Fraternity within two weeks after college opens, and it frequently takes a longer time than that to get a permit through.

Congress may expect some new resolution introduced or some

amendment to this section from the Georgia delegates.

We had a most pleasant visit from Brothers Jas. H. Pitman (Georgia Alpha-Beta), and W. M. Hurt (Alabama Alpha-Epsilon), at a recent meeting. These brothers "happened" in Macon, and of course they attended our meeting. Come again, brothers, Georgia Alpha-Zeta will always welcome you and every other Alpha Tau who comes to our city.

Bro. Jos. W. Singleton, Macon, Ga., and Bro. Willie B. Birch, Macon, Ga., are our delegates to Congress. They will both certainly be present unless providentially prevented, and in that

case some other brothers will attend.

We were agreeably surprised and delighted at our last meeting at having Bro. Charles McD. Puckette (Assistant Editor of the *Palm*) with us. He promises to give us, at our next meeting, a talk on our work in Tennessee. Bro. Puckette will remain in Macon a short while, the guest of Bro. A. Iverson Branham.

Yours in A. T. Q.,

WILLIE B. BIRCH, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

Editors Palm:—Not having seen the October letter of our former Correspondent, I may be guilty of some repetition, which

I hope will be pardoned.

At the close of last college year we had eight active members, and we have since added two to the list—Bro. Wm. Sharpe, of '85, and Bro. Wm. L. Harris, of '86. Our prospects for the future are favorable, as we hope soon to initiate at least four gentlemen, to whom we have been paying considerable attention. We have now a very pleasant Hall, in the best part of the city, and it has proved a great benefit to us.

We have not yet decided on our delegate, but I can with safety, I think, name Bro. Howard N. Davis as our choice. Bros. Welsh and Scull also expect to attend the Congress.

We all place high hopes on the effect of this Congress, and I,

for one, am sure we shall not hope in vain.

Yours in A. T. Q.,

WILLFORD LAWRENCE HOOPES, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

Editors Palm:—Our chapter commenced the session of '82 under most favorable auspices, and it is with pleasure and pride that we recognize its high position in Fraternity circles here—ranking second to none, if not foremost. Its strength and popularity is universally conceded. It was put to the test in last year's election for the Final Presidency of the Jefferson Literary Society, when Bro. W. C. Eustis, of Washington, D. C., was nominated and elected by an almost unanimous vote to fill that position, which he did with a grace and ease suitable to the occasion.

Let the success of the old Virginia Delta, past and present, be an incentive to each and every Alpha Tau'to exert himself in

behalf of the interests and welfare of his Fraternity, that the future of the $A. T. \Omega$, may be resplendent with the glory of their

deeds, and full of prosperity.

But a few years ago the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was founded; by the untiring energy and ceaseless labor of her faithful sons, there are now nearly 1,200 members on her roll. At first, like a little mountain stream, babbling its very existence to the passer-by, she has wound her way around and out of the rocky impediments that lay in her path, pushing on in spite of what seemed overwhelming obstacles, and, as she pressed onward, gathering greater and greater strength, becoming wider and wider, until the little stream that was has expanded into a mighty river.

At our first meeting this session there were ten of the old members present, and later our number was further increased by the arrival of Bro. W. W. Owens, of Georgia. So far we have made only two initiations, yet our prospects are good. Comparatively, there have been very few initiates by any of the Fraternities this session.

We received a postal from Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook on the 22d of this month, urging us to take immediate steps in appointing a delegate to represent us in the coming Congress, to be held at Washington, December 27th. Accordingly, a meeting was called for that purpose, and Bro. E. C. Massie was elected delegate, and Bro. W. C. Eustis alternate. The meeting of Congress has for a long time been a subject of conversation and interest with us, and all of us are desirous of attending; but eight of our chapter will certainly be present. As we did not have time at our called meeting last night to debate the subject fully, we adjourned to meet next Saturday night.

Our roll now embraces the following brothers:

Addison, W. E., Virginia.
Anderson, G. W., Georgia.
Doswell, A. S., Virginia.
Eustis, W. C., District of Columbia.
Ficklen, J. H., Virginia.
Gaines, T. F., Virginia.
Mallory, John, Virginia.
Massie, E. C., Virginia.
Norton, T. M., Virginia.
Robertson, Robert, Virginia.
Richards, W. B., Virginia.
Wade, R. D. A., Georgia.
Owens, W. W.,-Georgia.

PERSONALS.

Bro. J. Randolph Anderson is still at Göttingen University, taking Dutch "Calico." He will return to the University of Virginia next year and apply for B. L.

Bros. R. Lindsey Robertson and John Coles are studying Medicine at the Baltimore Medical College. Bro. Robertson is

preparing to enter the army.

Bro. E. I. Renick, B. L. of '80, has formed a partnership, in Atlanta, Ga., with Mr. Wodroow Wilson, a former student of this place. Bro. Faison (N. C. Alpha, '72), also a B. L. of this University, will join the partnership next year.

Bro. J. K. M. Norton, B. L. of last session, is practising law

in Alexandria.

Bro. J. M. Reifsnider is in a banking house in Westminster, Md. Bro. W. R. Shippen is in the drug business in Petersburg, Va. He will pay us a visit about Christmas.

Bro. John H. Addison is with the firm of Allison & Addison,

Richmond, Va.

As the next number of the *Palm* will doubtless dwell largely upon the meeting of Congress, in which we are so greatly interested, we are anxiously expecting it. Hoping to meet you and all of our Richmond brothers at the Congress, I am,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

JOHN MALLORY, Correspondent.

NEW YORK ALPHA-LAMBDA.

Editors Palm:—I have been requested by Bro. Pearis to write you in regard to the intention of our chapter as to sending a delegate to Congress on the 27th of next month. Our chapter will be represented by Bro. Pearis, and it is probable that another member will also attend, Bro. Ferris.

The chapter is in a fair condition, although we have taken in

no new men this term.

With love to all the brothers, I remain,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

W. P. Duncan, Correspondent pro tem.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-UPSILON.

Editors Palm:—It is again our pleasure to write to the Palm, but it is certainly with more cheering prospects. We will number nine to-night; and as I reported five in my last, I hope it

will be no intrusion if I introduce the other four: H. E. Harman, '85, Lexington, S. C.; C. M. McLaughlin, '85, Mason & Dixon, Pa.; J. C. Miller, '86, ———; W. —. Jordy, '83, York, Pa.

We have elected Bro. C. W. Baker as our delegate to Congress; and from our little number, we fully expect six to be present at its session. Surely we new members can have a good

time among those we never met before.

Since our last, we have purchased the Hall formerly occupied by E. chapter of Φ . K. Ψ ., which is building a neat chapter house here. Our Hall at the present time is the best situated and finest Fraternity Hall in the town; and, although we are the youngest, we do not appear so. Our chapter is in a truly flourishing condition. Founded in the midst of great excitement caused by the celebration of the semi-centennial of our college, and at a time as unfavorable as could be chosen to start such a work, nevertheless we have waxed strong, and are now on a sure basis.

The other Fraternities represented here are as follows, in the order of their strength: Φ . Δ . θ ., Φ . K. Ψ ., Φ . Γ . Δ ., and Σ . X., over half of the students, I suppose, are Fraternity men. Dame Rumor has it that the Φ . K. Ψ . Shield is dead; and the removal

of the Φ . Δ . Θ . Scroll is a certainty.

Trusting our letter is not too late, I am, sincerely,

Yours in A. T. Q.,
L. DE WITT GERHARDT, Correspondent.

ALPHA-DELTA.

Editors Palm:—We are looking forward with great pleasure to the meeting of our Congress, when for the first time since we were founded our chapter will be represented. All arrangements for our representation have been completed, and appearances at present seem to indicate that several members of our chapter, besides our delegate, will be present.

Since our last letter to the *Palm* we have initiated two new members, which now brings our number up to twelve—all live,

working men, with head and heart alike in the cause.

After some trouble we have succeeded in procuring a Hall in which to hold our meetings, and can now conduct them without fear of interruption or detection. Since obtaining the Hall and meeting with regularity and in order, the interest manifested has been very much more marked, and our meetings are now eagerly anticipated by all.

We were pleased to have with us a few days since, Bro. M. A. Glazebrook, a brother of our beloved founder, Bro. Otis A.

Glazebrook. The former brother, who has had the opportunity of seeing a good deal of our different sister chapters, gives us very flattering and encouraging accounts from different points. He certainly has the proper regard for and interest in our Fraternity. A few more men like him would do us no harm.

Our recognition at this place by the faculty is, I presume, out of the question. Four or five of the faculty are Fraternity men, but they oppose the establishment of Fraternities in college as violently as do the others. Our Fraternity is not represented in

the faculty at all.

We express our regret at the delay of the Palm, and look for-

ward with pleasure to its coming.

Yours in A. T. Q., ONIBLA, Correspondent.

NEW YORK ALPHA-OMICRON.

Editors Palm:—Our chapter is doing as well as could be expected. We have eight active members now, and will increase the number to ten the first of next term. Our financial condition is first-rate, and, in fact, everything is as prosperous as could be expected from a chapter not yet a year old.

We will certainly have a delegate at Congress, and though the appointment has not yet been made, I presume it will fall to the

lot of Bro. Church to represent us.

Yours in A. T. Q.,
H. B. CHANDLER, Correspondent pro tem.

VIRGINIA BETA.

Editors Palm:—We began the year with six of our old menviz, Brothers Allen, J. M., Barrett, E. W., Robinson, A. S., Campbell, H. D., Stiles, H. C., and Anderson, G. B.—and an acquisition from the Virginia Epsilon Chapter in the person of Bro. William J. Wilkinson, a law student. With the exception of the last named, we are all academs.

We have initiated two new men—Brothers D. C. Heyward, of Charleston, S. C., and Hugh McCluer, of Rockbridge county,

Va.—and now our chapter is the largest in college.

About the first of November we had an agreeable visit from Bro. Charles W. Baker, Worthy Master of Pennsylvania Alpha-Upsilon Chapter, who was on a geological tour with his class through Virginia. For the short while he was here we made it

as pleasant for him as possible, and made him, in return, tell us all he knew of our Northern brothers.

With regard to this chapter's representation at Congress, we have to say that we fully appreciate the necessity of a large attendance of members, as well as the importance of the measures to be considered there; but, unfortunately, we will not be able to send more than two of our members. However, we feel assured that they will represent us quite as ably as a much larger delegation could. Our delegates are Bro. James Allen, Worthy Master, and Bro. H. D. Campbell, M. A., your last year's Correspondent for this chapter.

We have no doubt as to the success of the Congress. If the other chapters of our beloved Fraternity are as loyal as the Virginia Beta is, and I am fully convinced that they are, there need be no anxiety concerning the Fraternity's present or future pros-

perity.

I will write immediately, if I can get the time, to all the alumni our chapter has sent forth, requesting them, in the name of their chapter and the Fraternity at large, to attend this Congress if they can possibly do so.

I am happy to report that our chapter, considering all things, is in a very flourishing condition, and that before long we expect her to be still more prosperous.

Yours in A. T. Ω .

GEO. B. Anderson, Correspondent pro tem.

— ALPHA-ETA.

Editors Palm:—As usual, our letter must necessarily be short. We cannot tell of matters of interest to us here, for prying ones would soon discover our location and that would be fatal to us. I will merely state that our number has increased from two, at the opening of the session, to six, and we hope confidently to increase this number very soon. No chapter looks with more interest to our approaching Congress, and, Providence permitting, we will be represented there.

Yours in A. T. Ω ., Correspondent.

TENNESSEE ALPHA-TAU.

Editors Palm:—We are glad to know that our Fraternity is in such a prosperous condition. We can say as much for our chapter. We have seven members—the largest chapter in the

University. There are three other Fraternities represented here, viz: $II \ K. \ A., \ \Sigma. \ A. \ E.$, and $K. \ \Sigma.$ Moreover, I feel justified in saying that our members are all worthy Alpha Taus. They are also the most advanced men in college. One of our number, T. W. Gregory, applies for A. B. this year, and his prospects are very promising. It is true that we have been rather tardy in writing to you, but we thought it would be wise to wait until we had heard from you. We are very much in need of "chapter" by-laws, and would be pleased if some chapter would kindly send us a copy of their own.

We have so many Fraternities here, compared to the number of students, that there would seem to be some rivalry, but we consider our chapter and our Fraternity so far superior to the others—and so do the non-Frats here—that we obtain the good will of the Fraternity and high regard of all who know us.

How is the chapter at the University of Virginia progressing? One of our charter members has gone there recently, but

we have heard nothing from him.

I am very sorry to say that it is utterly impossible for our chapter to be represented at Congress other than by proxy. We have two reasons. One is that we have our examinations just after Christmas, and no holiday except Christmas day, and the other is that we are not able to send a delegate, the distance being so great. We regret this very much, for we love our Order, and we are sure that the better we know her, the more we shall love her. We all feel highly blessed and honored at having been received into her pale.

Yours in A. T. Q.,

C. W. TRAWICK, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-THETA.

Editors Palm:—Yours of the 4th instant did not arrive till this morning, and the delay will excuse the apparent negligence on my part in not replying earlier. I need hardly say how eagerly we await the arrival of the Palm, and how we cherish every line that bears the evidence of the success of the Fraternity. It is always a pleasure to us to read in the Palm of the growth of the other chapters, and so it delights us to realize and to speak of the growth of this chapter.

We meet twice a month. We have elected Bro. Robert Brooks to represent us in Congress. We have nineteen active, earnest members, and with such a bright future before us, we can safely say, that our success will be greater than ever before. The other

Fraternities in this college are beginning to realize our power. I hope that this branch of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity will be so well established as to turn out men who shall be the true life blood of the country—men who may elevate and uphold it, and shed a glory over it, by an example of life and character. God grant that every succeeding year we may increase in prosperity.

Yours in A. T. Q.,

S. H. Jones, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY MU.

Editors Palm:—Your communications of the 13th and 16th received, and in compliance with your request we hasten to reply.

From the organization of our chapter until the present time it has been rapidly gaining ground. Four years ago our chapter consisted of only five (5) zealous members, and was numerically inferior to both of the other chapters in our college. But, while it has had two powerful chapters of other Fraternities to contend with, it has surmounted every difficulty, and now its earnest

labors are crowned with complete success.

At the beginning of the present term the chapter numbered twelve (12) old members, and ten new ones having been admitted up to date, we now consist of twenty-two (22), and our chapter is considerably larger than any other chapter in college. I now take great pleasure in introducing to you: J. H. Allen, Kissimlee, Fla.; W. Anderson, Taylorsville, Ky.; V. P. Clarke, Clay Village, Ky.; Z. H. Crutcher, Newcastle, Ky.; W. Netherland, Louisville, Ky.; R. B. Owen, Maysville, Ky.; L. Stone, Fairfield, Ky.; A. Stone, Fairfield, Ky.; H. M. Stucky, Louisville, Ky.; E. H. Watson, Maysville, Ky.

We have elected Bro. R. D. Smith, of Simpsonville, Ky., to represent us in the approaching Congress, and feel confident that

he is capable of discharging his duty.

Sincerely hoping that success will crown every effort of our beloved Fraternity, I am

Yours in A. T. Q.,

J. H. CRUTCHER, Correspondent.

OHIO ALPHA-NU.

Editors Palm:—The haste with which we are compelled to write this letter prevents our expressing ourselves as would be desirable, but we are proud to say that the Ohio Alpha-Nu still holds the fort with her colors flying. Although our outer work has been comparatively small, having added but one member—

Bro. Burrell-who at least gives us quality, we have devoted much labor to the interior, in order to strengthen and beautify it. Having convinced the Faculty that our object is other than to destroy college buildings and kill professors, we gained a footing, and the Ohio Alpha-Nu took the initial step in Mt. Union College in furnishing a chapter Hall, which, we think, gives dignity and pride to our chapter. The college has lifted a debt that has been weighing it down, and now stands on a solid foundation, fully prepared to cope with any institution in the land. This, coupled with flattering promises from the spring term, indicates that Ohio Alpha-Nu shall be one of the bright stars in the constellation of chapters. All our members are true, energetic knights of the Malta Cross, and we hope soon to be able to extend our work and show our anti-Fraternity friends our sole object is not degradation, but elevation. In regard to Congress, this chapter hopes some arrangement may be made by which all the colors of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity may be woven in one ribbon, that they may not be imitated as heretofore; also, that no one can procure a badge who is not a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, which could be done by placing a seal on each application. But our representative can best express the wishes of this chapter when with you all at Washington. With the best wishes for all our chapters North, South, East and West, and for all their members, wheresoever duty calls them,

Yours in A. T. Ω ., Inc. ———, Correspondent pro tem.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

Editors Palm:—Your card requesting us to forward at once

our chapter letter for the December number is before us.

I presume we shall have to anticipate a letter in order to add more encouragement to that which we have already received and informed you of in our October letter. During the intervening time we have elected Mr. James M. Davidson, of Rockingham county, Va., whom we shall have the pleasure of initiating into our noble Brotherhood as soon as necessary arrangements are made. This will give the Virginia Epsilon Chapter twelve members. So you see that if we manage wisely and work diligently, we can very easily succeed in re-establishing ourselves permanently here. If nothing happens to prevent, three of our members will be present at the approaching Congress.

The humble writer of this letter will be there, to represent in

his feeble way, this branch of Alpha Tau Omega.

We have written to former members of our chapter and urged them to be on hand. We sincerely hope that there may be a full attendance of alumni, as well as chapter representatives.

With best wishes for Alpha Taus everywhere, I am

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

J. R. EVERSOLE, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-RHO.

Editors Palm: - Again it is my privilege to act as Correspon-

dent of this chapter.

Our chapter at present numbers four men. We have lost two, but we hope it will not seriously impede our progress as a chapter.

We have just initiated one good man-R. S. Breinig-and

expect soon to initiate several others.

There are at present four Fraternities here—viz., Chi Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, and the other is a local Fraternity which is trying to become \(\varPi \). \(\cdot \).

We hope the Congress will be a success, as it will undoubtedly be. We intend to have two representatives there. J. Alex.

Schmidt is our regular delegate.

We have been anxiously awaiting the Palm.

The following are the names and addresses of our present members:

C. C. Ziegler, 44 Mt. Auburn street, Cambridge, Mass. Wm. D. Ainry, 504 Hamilton street, Allentown, Penn.

R. S. Breinig, Breinigsville, Penn. J. Alex. Schmidt, Ilion, N. Y.

We should be glad to hear from any brothers of their "trials and tribulations," etc.

With many wishes for the welfare of our beloved Fraternity,

I remain.

Yours in A. T. Ω ., J. ALEX. SCHMIDT, Correspondent.

GEORGIA ALPHA-BETA.

Editors Palm: -Although we have remained silent for quite a time, we assure you it was not because we were indifferent to the welfare of our chapter. We thought it would be better to wait

until we could send an encouraging report.

Five of our members graduated at last Commencement, but we have received an addition of five since the beginning of this session. Thus you see we are holding our ground here at the University. The number of initiates may not appear large, but we have endeavored to be true to the principle of Alpha Taus in selecting members, and have paid particular attention to the quality of the new men. We consider that in Brothers R. M. Young, W. B. Cook, B. Bishop, T. M. Scott, and J. Deese, our chapter has been greatly strengthened. At present the entire number is eleven. This will doubtless be increased before Spring, for we expect some good material among new students after Christmas.

There are five Fraternities in college besides our own. We

are on friendly terms with all.

We recently enjoyed a visit from one of our alumni brothers, James H. Pitman, of La Grange, Georgia. His genial face made us think of the time when he was one of our most active members, and we longed to have him with us again as a student. Brother Pitman's zeal for the Fraternity has not abated, and as he travels over the State he is ever ready to do all in his power to promote Alpha Tau Omega interests.

I am happy to state that the alumni members throughout Georgia are doing noble work for our Order. By exerting an influence for good wherever they go, they assist materially in preserving that dignity which should ever be characteristic of

our Fraternity.

We are all highly pleased with the *Palm*, and hope that it may long continue to perform its great mission. We trust that every Alpha Tau will subscribe for it whether he be in college or not.

În conclusion, we would say that our days of greatest trial in the University are over. We have successfully passed through the dangers to which a newly-organized chapter is always exposed. We have boldly faced opposition, and now stand upon a firm footing.

Through the medium of the *Palm* we send to our brethren fraternal greetings from hearts enthused with love for our common cause. We believe that this sentiment will remain through life. May it ever cause us to march as an invincible phalanx beneath the folds of our sacred and well beloved banner. Being

united thus even unto death, we will be enabled to increase the prestige hitherto attained and achieve lasting success.

Yours in A. T. Q.,
ROBERT N. HOLLAND, Correspondent.
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TENNESSEE OMEGA.

Editors Palm: - I am just in receipt of a letter from Brother Glazebrook, with the dismaying intelligence that I have another chapter letter to write. I have little to say, as this chapter has been keeping the even tenor of its way, with no event of importance to disturb its tranquility. Since my last letter we have made two initiates-Warren Reese, of Alabama, and Archibald Henderson, of Virginia-both of whom are men in every way worthy to bear the Maltese Cross. These are probably the last initiates which we will make until next term, when we will begin with a chapter of probably fourteen, and by vigor and earnestness we expect to do good work. Two more rivals have lately entered the University, the K. Σ . and Φ . Δ . θ ., and consequently there is somewhat more excitement in the Fraternity world here than before, but still I hope and believe that our chapter will always continue to hold the first place without dispute. Our session is nearly over, and we have but one more meeting before our temporary dissolution; but, I am happy to say, that with one exception we will all most probably return next session, and then instead of being compelled to work to regain our present number, we can exceed it with ease. We are, of course, together with all the chapters, looking forward with interest to the coming Congress, and hope to be well represented there. On account of the immense strides which the Fraternity has made in the past year, we look forward with certainty to a large and enthusiastic gathering, and hope to meet full delegations from our new Northern chapters.

Begging pardon for this letter on account of the haste with

which I have been compelled to write it, I remain,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

J. W. PERCY, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-IOTA.

Editors Palm:—We feel ourselves again in duty bound to submit a report of our chapter to the Fraternity at large. We have

not been altogether inactive since our last report, though as yet we have made no new initiates this scholastic year, and therefore find ourselves still numbering seven men. We have one man pledged, and are working several more, but have not received their consent for initiation, though they have promised to join us in preference to any of our rival Fraternities.

It is a great pleasure to us to hear of the bright prospects of our beloved Brotherhood. Every chapter seems to be endued with all the enthusiasm and spirit requisite for success, and through which alone our fraternal bonds can be maintained.

We had the pleasure some time ago of having Pennsylvania Alpha-Rho present at our meeting. On account of the fact that we are situated but six miles apart, we are in constant communication with each other.

Hoping to meet representatives from all the chapters and many other brothers at Congress, I remain,

Yours in A. T. Ω .,

R. MORRIS SMITH, Correspondent.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

THE CONGRESS OF 1882.

Even if Congress were not an essential part of the organism of Alpha Tau Omega, observation and experience would demonstrate the great benefit to accrue from the regular assembling of some body/representative of the whole Fraternity. The great interests of the world rely much for advancement and success upon such assemblies. Conventions in behalf of Religion, Law, Politics, Education, Commerce, Agriculture, Science and Art are of constant occurrence, and their usefulness is abundantly evident. The best thought and talent and practical knowledge enlisted in these respective objects are thus brought together and made to contribute to the general good. It is the most direct and effective way to make the combined wisdom of all available for each one.

And if "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety," there is also enthusiasm in numbers. Men return from such gatherings not only with broader, more mature and new views of the subject with which they have to deal, but under the influence of an impetus which carries them far forward in the achievement of the very best results. Men go back home all aglow with new aspirations, new hopes and new plans. New life has been infused into them; and this new life soon shows itself in the greater activity and prosperity which abound. It is a great thing to know what other men are thinking about and attempting and accomplishing in the line of our own callings, but it is a greater thing to be consumed with the desire to go and do likewise. Well attested theories, wise suggestions, practical results, are the components of a dynamite which can blow away every opposing difficulty, but a spark must be applied or a blow struck before this power becomes effective. Enthusiasm is that fire, is that

hammer. Wisdom and experience are the materials of a splendid possibility, but a spirit of living energy must be breathed upon them ere they spring forward and realize their glorious capabilities. Enthusiasm is that spirit. Well worthy to be fostered in the interest of any cause is an instrumentality which can generate this enthusiasm in connection with its best constituency. Our Congress can do this. It is imperative, then, upon every brother who has at heart the Fraternity's highest good and values those principles which she seeks to perpetuate, to see, not only that Congress is held, but that it is held under the most favorable circumstances.

But let us see what place Congress has in the organic structure of Alpha Tau Omega. We find that it is one and the most important of the three grand departments in which the government of the Fraternity is vested. During its session its power is absolute. All amendments, redresses, changes must be sought at its bar; the officers to control the destiny of the Order are selected by it; it directs the disbursement of all funds; it is the sole responsible body to which the account of all stewardships in connection with the Fraternity must be rendered. The interests of every chapter, therefore, demand that it be represented in this Congress; the interests of the Fraternity at large demand that so important an agency should not lose the suggestions, advice and experience of even one chapter. No chapter can do its full duty to itself or its sister chapters if it fails of representation at Congress. Nay, it is not saying too much to affirm, that by far the most important duty of every chapter is to see that it is represented in this august body.

To make Congress a complete success three things are necessary. We mention that first which is of least importance: the thoroughness of the work of the Committee of Arrangements. In regard to the Congress of 1882, we know that this work has been well done. As there is no local organization at the place in which Congress is to meet, the High Council is act-

ing as such a committee, and has associated with itself a co-operating committee from the Alumni Chapter at Alexandria, Va. Suitable headquarters have been chosen, reduced hotel rates have been obtained, printed reports with searching questions which will at once reveal the true condition of every chapter have been forwarded, and invitations to Alumni sent in every direction. As far as the committee's arrangements are concerned, all things are now ready.

Another thing upon which too much stress cannot be laid is the presence of the Alumni. In this connection the prospects are good for a large attendance. Responses have come from many quarters, which are most encouraging; and efforts are being made to have the Alumni of different States meet at given points within their respective States and come on in a body. Indeed, nothing could be more gratifying than the great interest which the Alumni are taking at present in all the concerns of the Fraternity.

But the most important element to the success of Congress is a full and able representation of delegates. It will not do to rely for these upon the chapters which are near at hand. This is too much the case, we fear, with Fraternity conventions generally. To have a faithful showing of the strength and zeal of the Order, all the chapters must have delegates present. Those at the greatest distance are just as much interested as any others. Indeed, they are more so, for it is important at such times that they have an opportunity to come in contact with the great body of the Fraternity. Let every chapter send her very best man to take part in the legislation by which she is to be governed. Let these able delegates come with matured suggestions and plans for the common weal. Let them confer in true brotherly earnestness for the welfare of our grand Brotherhood. We want every chapter to be represented. We can afford to lose nothing of the wisdom and experience of any chapter, which has worked out its own success by methods and instrumentalities known, it may be but to itself. The Fraternity shall be rich in proportion, as each part throws into the common treasury the riches of its own peculiar experience. And if we mistake not the signs, no Fraternity has been proportionately more successful in all that constitutes the true glory and success of a grand conclave, than Alpha Tau Omega will be in her Congress of 1882. Already voices come to us from the great Lakes, from the Southern Gulf, from and beyond the Mississippi, and from the Atlantic coast, telling us that brothers will be present in person at Washington, December 27th, 1882, who promise to stand face to face and heart to heart, and with clasped hands, under the benign influence of the glorious galaxy of Alpha Tau Omega, to pledge themselves anew, there and then, to the maintenance, and, if possible, the more earnest promulgation, of the grand and holy principles of our beloved Fraternity.

ALUMNI AT CONGRESS.

All Alpha Taus are entitled to seats in Congress. Nay, more, they are urged to come and aid by their presence and words. The more capable they are to counsel, the more needed they are. When they can bring a matured and varied experience, as men of affairs or men learned in the lore of professions, their speech is as silver and their words are as gold. Our younger men at college can manage the chapters with their quick intelligence, ambition and pride; the selection of worthy ones can safely be left to them. Our Solomons are wanted in this great Council Chamber. It is an easy thing to start and work good machinery after it is made and put in proper running order—the difficulty is in the inventive power that calls this machinery into being and shape. These thoughts lead us to the conclusion that Congress is emphatically the field in which our Alumni can most easily and effectively work for the good of the Fraternity. They may not be able to attend chapter meetings, or even be closely, if at all, allied with chapter organizations. It may be out of their power, as it certainly is in many cases, how great soever their

love and interest may be, to take an active part in the chapter work and life. But every two years at least they can come together and let the golden thread of their experience be incorporated into the warp and woof of their Fraternity. Here they can show that their love has not abated, nor their interest grown cold, and here by occasional efforts they can come and keep themselves *en rapport* with the progress of a cause that enlisted their early love and zeal. We ask our Alumni then to consider some of the ways in which they can advance the interests of the Fraternity by their attendance at the coming Congress.

As has been already intimated, they can be of the greatest use by their wisdom and counsel. Congress is a deliberative body. It deals with the ways and means of making the Fraternity most effective as an organization. Such information as men who have been in the great concerns of the world must necessarily have acquired-plans, methods, measures, and all appliances which they have seen to produce good results in other departments where organization was called for-can be utilized in this assembly. The safer judgment, the more thorough acquaintance with human nature, the better opportunities for observing causes and effects, the practical knowledge that results from actual effortall of these things which come with more years and more experience would be invaluable too in shaping our future policy and action. We cannot afford to be without that advice which could keep us from many mistakes and propose many good ways by which we could successfully accomplish our purposes and ends

Again, it would be a great encouragement to our young brothers and the active chapters if there should be a full attendance of our Alumni. This portion of the Fraternity watches with the closest and keenest interest the evidences of sympathy and co-operation on the part of the older members. All such indications are hailed with delight, and a mighty impetus is given by them to the zeal and pride of the chapters. It would give a deeper significance to their Fraternity obligations, it would elevate their connection therewith immensely in their own estima-

tion, it would increase confidence in the real advantages of their membership, it would inspire a laudable pride to become more worthy of their calling as Alpha Taus, it would energize the teachings of the Order, it would vitalize the principles upon which the Fraternity rests into realities, when it was seen that the Fraternity had a hold upon men which but increased with age, and which was strong enough to command alike the love and thought and active participation of both her young and old children.

And yet again, such a gathering of our Alumni would give dignity and prominence to the Fraternity in the eyes of the world. Such action would speak with a louder and more authoritative voice than all the articles which could be written in advocacy of the benefits of Fraternities. It would have a meaning and be an argument which men of the world could at once see and understand, and they would conclude that there must be something valuable and desirable in an organization which can command the presence and ability of all its members, and can hold their faithful and earnest allegiance through all the phases of life, as well of the grown-up and middle-aged and busy man, as of the novice who has just entered upon his college life. in proportion as a Fraternity can enlist and hold its Alumni, it will have the respect and confidence of the world. College authorities will want such Fraternities within their walls, parents will aid their sons in affiliations with such, young men will be ready and eager to identify themselves with so dignified and influential a body, and the world at large will pay all proper respect and honor, as it always does, to such an aggregation of respectability, talent, wealth, enthusiasm and energy.

But there is another side to this subject. The Alumni not only confer benefit on the Fraternity, they receive benefit themselves by attending Congress. It makes them younger—they renew their youth—they are carried back to the happy days of college life—they are again almost in the dear old walls of Alma Mater,—the college song, the anecdote, the jokes are sounding in

their ears. It is a blessed thing for men weighed down by the stern cares and responsibilities of life to be able to forget, even for a little while, that they are such burdened ones. What a relief to be made, unconsciously as it were, to unbend and relax a little—to breathe, if but for a short period, the fresh invigorating air of younger days! How shall we describe the joy and delight of renewing the friendships of our college days? If there were no other prospect save that of seeing again the old faces and clasping again the hands of old and early friends, this were tempting enough to make us desire these reunions. The older we get, the more lovingly and longingly we regard earlier associations. What more enjoyable than for old friends—those who have sat together in the same lecture-room, slept together in the same bed, met together in the close and dear communion of the old chapter house, thought for each other, rejoiced with each other, sorrowed for each other, defended each other, confessed to each other, pledged to each other their love for life—to meet again in that larger chapter meeting—Congress and to have the old scenes and the old joys and the old love revived? If Congress were but the medium through which alumni might meet alumni, it would be of great worth and sacred memory.

Nor must we fail to consider that the proceedings of Congress recall and impress the teachings and principles of Alpha Tau Omega—teachings and principles which, the older men become the more they need and should value. The virtues that most assuredly adorn men's lives are recalled; the foundationstones of a noble manhood are relaid; the great bond that binds all in a true, useful and happy life is renewed. Does it do men no good who are in the midst of the sordidness and selfishness and dishonesty and wickedness that characterize "the race of life," to be reminded, ever and anon, of the first principles which underlie all true success? Is it a little thing to divert the gaze of men from the false, the homely, the bad, to the true, the beautiful, the good? Are men ever too old to be reminded of these

things? and are these reminders other than blessed opportunities not to be neglected nor despised? No Alumnus can come to Congress without coming under the influence of high and holy principles; and it is difficult to see how, being under this influence, any Alumnus can go back to his home and work in life without being a better and nobler man for it.

There is one other consideration not to be overlooked. It is a great advantage to older men to have the love and respect and confidence of the younger. He is a strong man indeed who has the admiration and support of those just verging into manhood. To have an influence here, to hold these to one by the strong cord of ardent, devoted attachment, is to possess incalculable potentialities. It is proverbial that young men are hero-worshippers. Who are so assuredly the heroes of the young men of a Fraternity as their Alumni brothers who add to true worth of character a sincere and earnest interest in their common concerns-men who are strong enough to bend without breaking, who condescend to the level of more youthful methods, pleasures and companionships without leaving behind them the graceful dignity, confirmed virtues and modest wisdom of older years? No, believe it not, fellow-alumni, that a Congress of your Fraternity is something beneath your notice and serious attention,—a gathering to which you can be indifferent and which you may with impunity leave to the hands of other and younger men. There is nothing more profitable for you, and there is certainly nothing more noble in itself and helpful to the world in its grand possibilities for the future, than the close identification of yourselves with the young men of the land, by giving your presence and co-operation to instrumentalities, which, whilst most deeply enlisting their enthusiasm and zeal, can, at the same time, be made the means of ennobling the rising generation.

Alumni of Alpha Tau Omega, see to it that you come not short of your duty to the Fraternity, yourselves and the world.

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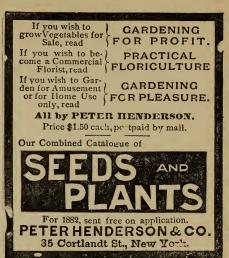
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